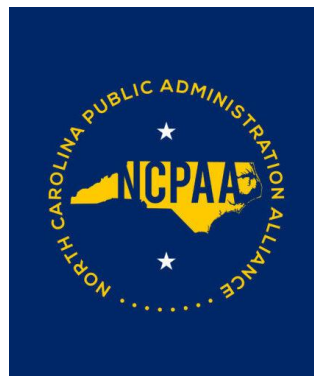


2025 North Carolina Political Science Association

The 54th Annual Meeting is held with the North
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**NCPSA Conference Schedule
Schedule at a Glance**

Friday, February 21, 2025

Registration 11 am.to 5 pm (Communication and Health, Exercise and Sports Sciences Building—CHESS) Drinks and hors devours available

Sessions 1:00-2:20 in CHESS
 2:30-3:50 in CHESS
 4:00-5:20 in CHESS

Reception 5:30-7:30 at Raleigh Brewing (about a block from the Meredith campus)

Dinner On your own

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Registration and
Continental Breakfast 7:30 am to 11 am in CHESS

Sessions 8:00-9:20 in CHESS
 9:30-10:50 in CHESS
 11-12:20 in CHESS

Lunch and
Business Meeting 12:30-2 pm in Belk West

Detailed Schedule

Friday, February 21

11-5 pm Registration (with beverages and hors d'oeuvres in CHESSE)

1:00-2:20 (all at Meredith College—CHESSE Building)

Panel A: Key Issues in Policy and Leadership (CHESSE 112)

Mike Munger (Duke University), All Housing is Affordable

Micah Harris (Duke University), Martin Luther King Jr. and the Discipline of Political Anger

Glen Bowman (Elizabeth City State University), Elections Have Consequences: The Impact of the 1898 Election on Higher Education in North Carolina through 1908

Ngozi Kamalu, (Fayetteville State University), Reflections on the history, structure, and mechanics of the American Electoral College system.

Ellen Key (Appalachian State University), Alexandria Yanus (High Point University), and

Maddy Myers (Appalachian State University), I Don't Trust Nobody and Nobody Trusts Me: Support for Democracy and Judicial Legitimacy

Panel International Relations 1

Jeff Martinson (Meredith College): Chair and Discussant (CHESSE 117)

Matthew Ryan (UNCW), George Mitchell, Richard Holbrooke and International Conflict Mediation

Toofiq Huq (NCSU), Quality of Governance and Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals in Least Developed Countries

Derya Ulucay (Wingate University), Political Opposition in Competitive Autocracies: A Global Context

Hye-Sung Kim (Appalachian State University), Conditions for Peace: South Korean Attitudes Toward Denuclearization Agreements

2:30-3:50 pm

Panel A: Issues in Elections (CHESSE 121)

Chris Cooper (Western Carolina University): Chair and Discussant

Graham Bullock (Davidson College), Aldan Marks (Davidson College), and Madeline O'Leary (Davidson College): Laboratories of Proportional Representation? The Rise and Fall (and Rise Again?) of Multi-Member Districts in State Legislatures

Mary Jo McGowan, Robert Hines, Martha Kropf, and Zach Mohr (UNCC), Does Leslie Knope Make More Than Election Directors? Analysis of election and other county directors in NC counties.

Gina Branton and Martha Kropf (UNCC), Does Exposure to Disaster Influence Women's Perception of Election Integrity Differently than Men?

Rob Shrode and Giovanni Pleites-Hernandez (UNCA), "A Coordinated Act of Insurrection" or "A Protest That Went Too Far"? Exploring Minority Perceptions of January 6

Panel B: Issues in Public Administration and Leadership (CHESS 112)

Jessica Khan, Devon Adams, Jerrell Cogburn, and Jeffery Diebold, (NCSU), Employee Worker Satisfaction in the Public Sector

Brendan Meckler (Appalachian State University), State Identity as a Social Identity

Jennifer Beightley, Samantha Shuemann, Erik Torres, Mahrukh Masgood, and Jason Windett, (UNCC), Governor's Attention to Education Policy: An Exploratory Analysis of State of the State Speeches

Heather Rimes (WCU), Patterns of Nonprofit Executive Team Compensation in Western North Carolina

4-5:20 pm

Panel A Polling a Purple State In 2024 Panel (CHESS 121)

Martin Kifer (High Point University): Chair

Michael Bitzer (Catawba College) and Chris Cooper (WCU), Trust in Elections

Peter Francia (ECU), Split ticket voting

Martin Kifer (High Point University), Inflation and consumer sentiment

Whitney Ross Manzo and David McLennan (Meredith College), Political Partisanship

Panel B Undergraduate Student Panel 1 (CHESS 117)

Elise Rammalaere (Meredith College,) The Impact and Outcome of Internal and External Factors on Successful Independence

Maddie Evans (NCSU), Women in the Courts: Female justice-advocate interactions in Supreme Court Oral Arguments

Katja Krenn (Wingate University), Comparison of Gambling and Games of Chance Policies

Kerryn Lowry (Queens University), Vote for Me, I'm Just Like You: How Social Identities Shape Our Preference for Leaders

Isa Gandy (WCU), Has Spain's previous experience with authoritarianism affected the propensity of populist parties to become more successful?

5:30-7 pm Reception at Raleigh Brewing Company (3709 Neil St., Raleigh)

Dinner on your own. Recommendations forthcoming.

Saturday February 22

Beginning at 7:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00---9:20 (all in CHESS)

Panel A: North Carolina Student Legislature (CHESS 121)

Thomas Kerr (Elon University): Chair

Joseph Gbedji (Campbell University)

Matthew Simonson (Campbell University)

Hayden Burris (WCU)

Seth Blumenfield (WCU)

Panel B: Roundtable Discussions about Issues in the Profession and Classroom (CHESS 117)

Aaron Houck, Aaron King, UNC-Wilmington, and Benjamin Taylor, Kennesaw State University, Causes and Consequences of An Uneven Playing Field in Public-Facing Political Science

Nadine Gibson and Ann Rotchford, UNC-Wilmington, High Impact Practices and Civic Engagement

9:30-10:50

Panel A: Undergraduate Student Panel 2: Political Theory CHESS 112)

John Holder (Winthrop University, retired): Chair and discussant

Ben Gensiejewski (Belmont Abbey College), Aquinas and Locke on Religious Tolerance

Dennis Graveline (Belmont Abbey College), This Story Shall the Good Man Teach His Son On Henry V: The Ethical Leader When Machiavelli Isn't Around

Anna Steiner (Belmont Abbey College), An Undivine Creation: How the State of Nature is Incompatible with a Divinely Created World

Mary Imperato (Belmont Abbey College), The Just Polity in Aquinas' *De Regno*

Panel B: Issues in American and Southern Politics CHESS 121)

Whitney Ross Manzo (Meredith College): Chair and Discussant

Irwin Morris (NCSU), Shifting Partisan Tides in the Old North State:

Bluer Blues and Redder Reds in the Quintessential Purple State

Chris Cooper (WCU), The Effects of Mail Ballot Return Deadlines on Voter Turnout: The Case of North Carolina

Joseph Ellis and Chelsea Kaufman (Wingate University), Where is the battleground? An Examination of Changing Demographics and Politics in Union County, NC

Elizabeth Lane (NCSU) and Jamil Scott (Georgetown University), A Level Playing Field? Political Ambition and Legal Office

Panel C Issues in International Politics and Conflict Resolution (CHESS 117)

Ayomide Ogunrinde and Daniel Xu (ECU), Enhancing Citizen Participation through E-Government in Nigeria: A Case Study of Lagos State

Bakhytzhan Oskeyeva (UNCC), The Role of Russian Propaganda in Civilian Casualties During the Russian-Ukrainian War

David Weber (UNCW), A “Hero's Journey” Framework for Conflict Management and Resolution Praxis

Josiah Marineau (UNCP), Shortchanging Civil Society? The Adoption of Restrictive NGO Laws in the South Caucasus

11:00-12:20

Panel A Current Topics in International Politics (CHESS 121)

Renee Scherlen (Appalachian State University), The Limits of Policy Diffusion: Femicide Legislation in Latin America & the Caribbean

Kofi Johnson (Fayetteville State University), The Impact of the African Diaspora in International Relations: An Analysis

Michael Broache and Jia Emaus (UNCG), Municipal Government Responses to the Gaza Conflict

Stephanie Wright (Duke University), The Impact of Recognizing Subnational Groups in State Institutions

Panel B Undergraduate Panel 3 (CHESS 117)

David McLennan (Meredith College): Chair and Discussant

Myah McNelly and Sheelove Knowles (Queens University), Creating University Interfaith Programming that Encourages Freedom of Speech While Minimizing Interpersonal Hostility

Chava Rosenberg (Queens University), Talk The Talk: How Political Science Course Influence Political Discourse

Joshua Hudson (Appalachian State University), Breaking Barriers: A Comparative Study of Voting Accessibility for Citizens with Disabilities Across the United States

Sachin Bhardwaj (NCSU), Alcohol Taxation and Usage in EU Countries

Information Session (CHESS 112)

Students interested in graduate studies should attend this drop-in session where representatives from NC universities will discuss their graduate programs.

12:30-2 pm Luncheon and Business Meeting (Belk West)

Welcome to Meredith College and Raleigh: David McLennan

Welcome from NCPSA President Chris Cooper

Presentation of NCPSA slate of officers & announcement of next year's meeting

NCPSA Awards