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NCPSA 42nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2013

North Carolina State University

CALL FOR PAPERS

The North Carolina Political Science Association (ncpsa.net) will hold its 42nd annual meeting on February 22, 2013 at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Raleigh, North Carolina (<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/raleigh/rducub/hoteldetail>). We invite paper, panel, and roundtable (particularly on North Carolina politics) submissions from academics, students, journalists, and practitioners.

Submit proposals for papers, panels, or to serve as a chair and/or discussant by January 1, 2013 by e-mail to the NCPSA president, Andrew J. Taylor. Proposals should include a short biographical statement about the author(s). The e-mail address is: ataylor@ncsu.edu. Please include the words NCPSA Conference 2013 in the subject line.

Conference registration is \$50 for members and \$90 for non-members. Membership dues are \$30 for faculty and \$10 for students. There is a \$10 additional fee for registering on site. Please send registration details and fees by check payable to the North Carolina Political Science Association to the NCPSA President, Dr. Andrew J. Taylor, Department of Political Science, North Carolina State University, Box 8102, Raleigh, NC 27695-8102.

REPORT ON 41ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 41st annual conference of the North Carolina Political Science Association, hosted by Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, was a great success. We had close to 50 participants from 12 colleges and universities from across the state presenting and discussing research on nine panels and one roundtable. Congressman David Price (4th District NC) delivered a fascinating keynote address titled "Congress in an Era of Party Polarization" (<http://ncpsa.net/keynote2012.pdf>). The conference included 9 panels and a round table on a multitude of topics in all major subfields of political science. The conference concluded with a roundtable discussion on lobbying and lobbyists moderated by Michael Munger of Duke University that featured Leslie Walden of the NC Professional Lobbyists Association, Laura Leslie of WRAL, and Paul Stam (NC House 37th district), Floyd McKissick (NC Senate, 20th District), and Mac McKorckle of Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy. The Association recognized Barbara Smith of UNC at Greensboro as the winner of the 2012 Troutman-Rainey Award from *Politics and Policy* for her paper: "Political Parties in Iowa: An American Political Party System."

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Duke University

John Aldrich was named President of the APSA. He also received a Guggenheim Award for the coming two years. Paula McClain was named Dean of the Graduate School at Duke, and will be sharing time between two jobs. Pablo Beramendi published *The Political Geography of Inequality: Regions and Redistribution* with Cambridge University Press. David Paletz won the APSA Section Award, "David Swanson Award for Service to Political Communication." Ruth Grant published her book, *Strings Attached*, with Princeton University Press.

Methodist University

Dr. Chris Cronin's latest book, *Mormons in American Politics: From Persecution to Power*, co-authored with Luke Perry and published by Praeger, will be available this November. Dr. Cronin is an Assistant Professor of Political Science and former NCPSA Executive Board Member. Cronin and Perry provide a comprehensive look at how Mormons have transformed from persecuted fringe group to a well-established world religion with viable candidates for all levels of American government.

North Carolina State University

The Department of Political Science enjoyed a successful year in 2011-2. Although we were unable to hire any new tenure-track faculty, we welcomed a new Director to the School of Public and International Affairs of which Political Science is a part, Dr. Richard Mahoney, previously head of the Baker Center for Peace and Conflict Studies at Juniata College. Mahoney started July 1, 2012. The Department received about \$250,000 in grants and faculty presented several dozen conference papers and published a number of chapters and peer-reviewed journal articles. Andrew J. Taylor's book, *The Floor in Congressional Life*, was published by the University of Michigan Press. Our two big lecture series attracted prominent speakers and large crowds. Jonathan Rauch of the Brookings Institution, *National Journal*, and *Atlantic Monthly* gave the American Values Lecture. Meghan O'Sullivan, of the Kennedy School of Government and former deputy national security adviser for Iraq and Afghanistan, presented the John W. Pope lecture. We also have a new chair for 2012-13. Professor Traci Reid has agreed to serve, replacing Professor Bob Moog who had led the Department for the previous two years.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The department welcomed one new faculty member this year, Christopher Clark. Professor Clark, who specializes in electoral representation for racial and ethnic minorities in the United States, joins us from the University of Iowa. The faculty had a tremendously successful year. Some of the more notable achievements of the past year include a three-year, \$750,000 National Science Foundation grant awarded to Justin Gross and three collaborators. Georg Vanberg was awarded the 2012 Richard F. Fenno, Jr., Prize for the best book on legislative politics published in 2011 for *Parliaments and Coalitions* (Oxford University Press; co-authored with Lanny Martin. Jim Stimson was

awarded the American Political Science Association's Philip E. Converse Award, which recognizes an outstanding book published at least five years ago, for *Issue Evolution: Race and the Transformation of American Politics* (Princeton University Press). The faculty published more than forty articles and ten books in the past academic year. Jeffrey Spinner-Halev published his new book, *Enduring Injustice*, with Cambridge University Press. Kevin McGuire published *New Directions in Judicial Politics* with Routledge.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

In July of 2012, UNC Charlotte's Department of Political Science & Public Administration welcomed a new Chair: **Dr. Greg Weeks** took over for **Dr. Bob Kravchuk**.

UNC Charlotte also welcomed new faculty member **Dr. Jacqueline Chattopadhyay**. She received her Ph.D. in Government & Social Policy from Harvard University in 2012. She studies Public Policy, with a focus on social policy.

Dr. David Swindell stepped down as Director of the Public Policy Ph.D. program in June. **Dr. Beth Rubin** (Sociology) will be directing that program.

We also celebrated the career of **Dr. Gary Rassel** who retired at the end of the 2011-2012 academic year. The North Carolina Local Government Budget Association (NCLGBA) presented him with the 2011 A. John Vogt Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Advancement of Local Government Budgeting and Evaluation at its winter meetings in December. The award honors his long and successful career as an educator of so many outstanding budgeting administrators. This is a fantastic tribute to one of our most supportive colleagues who helped launch our Public Policy Ph.D. program.

Faculty Publications:

Martha Kropf and Dr. David Kimball published a book in December 2011, entitled *Helping America Vote: The Limits of Election Reform*" <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415804080/>

Dr. Eric Heberlig and Dr. Bruce Larson published *Congressional Parties, Institutional Ambition and the Financing of Majority Control* (University of Michigan Press).

In addition, UNC faculty published or have forthcoming a number of articles in journals such as American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory, Public Administration Review, and Journal of Peace Research.

Dr. David Swindell testified to the North Carolina House Committee on Homeowners Associations on December 5th and is working with legislative staff on possible new legislation governing HOAs in the state.

In August **Joanne Carman** was elected to the board of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). ARNOVA is the U.S.-based, national and international association that connects scholars, teachers, and practice leaders interested in research on nonprofit organizations, voluntary action, philanthropy

and civil society.

Finally, UNC Charlotte will be hiring two Public Administration professors this year, as well as an American Politics professor who specializes in Gender and Politics. While the PA searches are wrapping up, the American search continues: the job ad is below:

University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Department of Political Science and Public Administration
Gender and Politics

The Department of Political Science and Public Administration invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in American Politics with an emphasis on gender and politics. The nine-month tenure track position begins in August 2013. Successful candidates should possess the Ph.D. degree upon appointment. Preference will be given to candidates with strong quantitative skills, prior teaching experience, as well as a commitment to promoting diversity as a value of the department and the college.

The candidate will teach introductory American Politics (a part of UNC Charlotte's general education program), Women and Politics, and other undergraduate- and graduate-level courses in the candidate's area of interest. The candidate will also contribute to UNC Charlotte's interdisciplinary Women's and Gender Studies program (<http://womensandgenderstudies.uncc.edu/>). In addition to the baccalaureate program, the Department of Political Science and Public Administration houses a NASPAA-accredited MPA Program, and is a core constituent in the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy. UNC Charlotte is a doctoral, research intensive university, located in one of the nation's fastest growing metropolitan areas on an expanding modern campus. One of sixteen campuses in one of the oldest public university systems in the United States, UNC Charlotte offers over 26,000 culturally diverse students a wide range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences houses 20 departments in the humanities, social and behavioral sciences, physical sciences, and military sciences, as well as eight research centers and institutes and 13 interdisciplinary programs. We boast a diverse student body and value faculty members who can relate to our students.

Review of applications will begin November 14, 2012, and will continue until the position is filled. Candidates should submit application materials electronically to <https://jobs.uncc.edu>. Please attach the following documents with your electronic application: (1) letter of application outlining your research agenda, (2) curriculum vitae, (3) a writing sample, (4) evidence of teaching effectiveness (if available), (5) three letters of recommendation, and (6) copy of graduate transcripts. Alternatively, letters of recommendation may be sent directly by mail or email to Dr. Martha Kropf, Chair, Gender and Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte, 9201 University City Blvd., Charlotte, NC, 28223; mekropf@uncc.edu.

UNC Charlotte is an AA/EOE and an ADVANCE Institution that strives to create an academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained. We celebrate diversity that includes, but is not limited to ability/disability, age, culture, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status. Applicants are subject to criminal background checks.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Over the summer, the Department of Political Science moved from the Graham Building to its much more spacious and newly renovated accommodations in the Curry Building (formerly occupied by the School of Education). We are pleased with the new location and glad to have the logistical challenges of moving a department behind us.

The Center for Legislative Studies and the department continue their sponsorship of a very successful public lecture series. The theme for this fall is “**Election 2012: Change or Continuity.**” The fall series began with David Holian (UNCG) providing an assessment of President Obama’s prospects for re-election. This was followed by a round table on North Carolina politics that included J. Michael Bitzer (Catawba College), Dr. Thomas Eamon (East Carolina University), and Dr. Ferrell Guillory (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill). A lecture on the lessons and consequences of the 2012 election by Scott Keeter, Director of Survey Research at the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, will conclude the series.

Faculty News

Susan Johnson was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor.

Fabrice Lehoucq’s book, *Civil War, Democratization, and Underdevelopment in Central America* has been published by Cambridge University Press. His book analyzes the origins and aftermath of civil war, a central topic of study in comparative politics, political economy, and international relations. It uses developments in Central America, along with many other comparisons, to assess the usefulness of cross-national, statistical research on civil war and regime change. He will spend the spring semester of 2013 as a Residential Fellow at from the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame.

Carisa Showden is co-chairing the Southeastern Women's Studies Association meeting that will be held at UNCG April 18-20.

Charles Prysby is writing a book chapter to explain the presidential vote in this year’s election, for *Winning the Presidency, 2012* (to be published by Paradigm Publishers). He also will discuss this topic at a conference at Northeastern University later this semester.

University of North Carolina Wilmington

The Department of Public and International Affairs welcomes Professor Jeffrey Brudney as our Betty and Dan Cameron Distinguished Professor of Innovation in the Nonprofit sector. In addition to his outsized role in the community, Jeff also serves as the editor for *Nonprofit and Volunteerism Quarterly*, the foremost journal in this research area.

Professors Laurie Paarlberg and Stephen Meinhold are in year one of a two-year National Science Foundation Grant, Institutional Competing Logics: Local Context vs. National

Identity in United Way Systems. The project explores the extent to which change has occurred in local United Way systems and the tension between institutional pressures and local resource demands.

The Department's Quality Enhancement for Non-Profit Organizations (QENO) program has secured seven Americorps VISTA members to support volunteer management and community outreach for four regional nonprofit organizations.

Dan Masters, serving with the Team for Interdisciplinary Global Research, has been awarded a grant by the Defense Intelligence Agency's Center for Language, Regional Expertise & Culture (CLERC) to facilitate Geostrategic Intelligence Seminars and Regional Seminars for Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas.

The Department of Public and International Affairs will initiate two new graduate programs in 2013. First is the Masters' in Conflict Management and Resolution (January 2013). Second is the Masters' in Coastal and Ocean Policy (Fall 2013).