Conference Program for

The 76th Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Political Science Association (PPSA)

In conjunction with the Pennsylvania Policy Forum (PPF)

Temple University Center City Campus (TUCC)

March 20-21, 2015

Day One: Friday, March 20, 2015

10:00-11:00  Meeting of PA Policy Forum with the PPSA Executive Council  
Room 208 TUCC

10:00-4:00  PPSA Registration  
Third Floor TUCC

11:00-12:00  PPSA Executive Council Meeting and Luncheon  
Room 208 TUCC

12:30-2:00  Session One

Panel A  
America  
Roundtable: Globalizing the Classroom: Ecotourism in Central America  
Room 323 TUCC

Chair: Andrew Miller, Wilkes University

Participants: Andrew Miller, Wilkes University  
Jonathan Rothermel, Mansfield University  
Jeff Bosworth, Mansfield University

Panel B  
War and Religion in the Middle East
Room 320 TUCC

Chair: Paige Eager, Hood College

Danielle K. Scherer, Temple University, “Variations in Identity and Institutional Negotiation: the Case of the Palestinians”


Paige Eager, Hood College, “The Second Sex at War in Iraq and Afghanistan”

Panel C The Continuing Relevance of Ancient Political Theory in This Postmodern Age

Room 325 TUCC

Chair: Donald Tannenbaum, Gettysburg College

Papers:

Daniel Di Leo, Pennsylvania State University, “Aristotle’s ‘Art of Rhetoric’”

Segun Toluwanimi, Pennsylvania State University, “Attributes of Glaucon”

Donald Tannenbaum, Gettysburg College, “Plato’s Problematic Individualism”

Discussant: Aryeh Botwinick, Temple University

Panel D Campaign and Elections

Room 321 TUCC

Chair: Samuel Hoff, Delaware State University

Papers:

Margaret Barksdale, East Stroudsburg, "Women in Elected Office"

Edward Larsen, Temple University, "Classification of the Democratic Republican Party (1800-1825) as a Dominant Party"

Benjamin Soltoff and Jeremy Johnson, Pennsylvania State University, "Campaign Contributions and Judicial Decision-making in Elected and Appointed State Supreme Courts"
Discussant: Samuel Hoff, Delaware State University

Panel E  
Comparative Politics: States in Crisis  
*Room 322 TUCC*

Chair: Beth Admiraal, King’s College

Papers:
- Oleg Kodolov, Queens University, “2014 Scottish Independence Referendum: Issues, Politics and Outcomes”
- Max Guirguis, Shepherd University, “The Islamic State in Iraq and Syria: Origin, Evolution, and Challenge”
- Amanda Milena Alvarez, Temple University, “Economic Development and Crime: An Examination of the Emergence of Criminal Organizations in Mexico”
- Beth Admiraal, King’s College, “Religious Minorities and National Identity in Russia”

Discussant: Beth Admiraal, King’s College

2:15-3:45 Session Two

Panel A  
Roundtable on Professors, Politicians, and Practitioners: A View from All Sides of the Profession  
*Room 322 TUCC*

Chair: Paula Holoviak, Kutztown University

Participants:
- Earl Baker, Earl Baker Consulting, formerly of Temple University (Former Commissioner and Senator)
- Duane Milne, West Chester University (Current state Representative)
- Joseph McLaughlin, Temple University (Former lobbyist and assistant to Governor Ed Rendell)
Panel B  Making Sense of Violence, Disaster, and Trade

Room 321 TUCC

Chair: Gedeon M. Mudacumura, Cheyney University

Papers:
- Emma Leonard Boyle, Penn State University, “Explaining Patterns of Violence in African Civil Wars”
- Serhat Sakin, Penn State University, “Leadership in Crisis: Revisiting the Fukushima Disaster”
- Everett A. Vieira, III, Temple University, “Los Tecnicos and the Role of Ideas: Unraveling Mexico's Transition to Trade Liberalization”

Discussant: Gedeon Mudacumura, Cheyney University

Panel C  Countering Violent Extremism

Room 320 TUCC

Chair: Thomas Arminio, Penn State University, Harrisburg

Papers:
- Bill Ryan, Penn State University, Harrisburg, “The Evolution of Terrorism Tactics Since 9/11”
- Alexander Siedschlag, Penn State University, Harrisburg, “Homeland and Societal Security Research Perspectives on Countering Violent Extremism”
- Jennifer Gibbs, Penn State Harrisburg, “Promoting Evidence-based Criminal Justice Policy to Counter Violent Extremism”
- Juliette Tolay, Penn State Harrisburg, “’We are not afraid!: Understanding the Meaning and Efficiency of Public Reactions to Violent Extremism”

Discussant: Thomas Arminio, Penn State Harrisburg

Panel D  Policy, Regulations, and Judicial Decision-making

Room 325 TUCC

Chair: Samuel Hoff, Delaware State University
Gerard Fitzpatrick, Ursinus College, "The U.S. Supreme Court’s “Female Bloc”: A Quantitative Analysis of the Voting Patterns of Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena Kagan"

Eleanor Schiff, Penn State University, "Collaboration, Neutrality, or Fight: How Groups Respond to Federal Regulations"

Lauren Rowlands, Temple University, "Unskilled Labor Demand as a Mechanism for Positive Expansionist Immigration Reform"


Discussant: Samuel Hoff, Delaware State University

**Panel E**  
**Comparative Politics: Prospects for State Building**  
*Room 323 TUCC*

Chair: Oleg Kodolov, Queens University

**Papers:**

Jeffrey A. Bosworth, Mansfield University, “Curing the Authoritarian Hangover in Chile: An Assessment of the Diminished Authoritarian Legacy”

Andrew Miller, Wilkes University, “Neoliberalism, Globalization and the Growth of Sustainable Ecotourism”

Joel J. Blaxland, Temple University, “Education in Afghanistan: Enrolment as a Proxy for State Capacity”

Damipi Bigou-Lare, East Stroudsburg University, “Culture and Democratic Consolidation in Sub-Saharan Africa”

Discussant: Oleg Kodolov, Queens University

4:00-4:20  
**PPSA Business Meeting (All Members)**  
*Room 222, TUCC*

4:20-5:30  
**Plenary Session**  
*Room 222 TUCC*
Speaker: Neil Oxman, The Campaign Group: The Rise and Fall of Political Advertising

5:30-6:30 PPSA Reception
Lounge and Room 222 TUCC

DAY 2: Saturday, March 21, 2015

8:00-10:30 PPSA Registration
Third Floor TUCC

8:30-10:00 Session Three

Panel A American Politics
Room 323 TUCC

Chair: Stanley Berard, Lock Haven University.

Papers:
James Decker, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, “Public Authority or Public Enemy: How Urban America Sacrifices Democracy for Development”
Kathryn N. Conrad, Penn State University, Altoona, “Politics and Wind Energy”
Nick McClure, Shippensburg University, “President Obama’s Race to the Top: Moving Towards an Evaluation of Competitive Education Funding”

Discussant: Stanley Berard, Lock Haven University
Panel B

**Comparative Politics**

*Room 325 TUCC*

**Chair:** Jonathan Rothermel, Mansfield University

**Papers:**
- Morgan Golay, Susquehanna University, “How Important Are Personalities to Bilateral Relationships?”

**Discussant:** Jonathan Rothermel, Mansfield University

10:15-11:45  **Session Four**

Panel A

**Public Policy**

*Room 320 TUCC*

**Chair:** Christopher Borick, Muhlenberg University

**Papers:**
- Ryan Fucci and Heather Marie Rice, Slippery Rock University, “Which States Are Most Hospitable for Same-Sex Couples? An Analysis”
- Walter Russell, Penn State University, Altoona, “Guns on Campus: A Survey and Analysis of Attitudes towards Guns and Gun-free Zones”
- Stephen Van Doran, DeSales University, “Medical Marijuana Public Policy”
Panel B  
**Public Law**  
*Room 321 TUCC*

**Chair:** Michele DeMary, Susquehanna University  

**Papers:**  
Lily Calkins, King’s College, “Social Media: The Battle between Privacy and the Technological Age”  

Tori DeGiosio, King’s College, “Connotations of *Citizens United* and Campaign Finance’s Effects on Presidential Elections and Negative Advertising”  

Justin McCutcheon, Penn State University, Altoona, “Law in ‘The Republic,’ ‘Nicomachean Ethics,’ and ‘Politics’”  

Gillian Kratzer, Penn State University, Altoona, "More than a Mandate: Mandated Gender Parity and the Dearth of Female County Chairs in the Pennsylvania Democratic Party”  

**Discussant:** Michele DeMary, Susquehanna University

Panel C  
**Comparative Politics II**  
*Room 322 TUCC*

**Chair:** Andrew P. Miller, Wilkes University  

**Papers:**  
Jason A. White, Mansfield University, “Ecotourism in Belize: Who Benefits?”  

Colton Long, Mansfield University, “A Hundred Dollars and a Bottle of Rum: The Role of Corruption in Modern Belizean Politics”  

**Discussant:** Michele DeMary, Susquehanna University
Arissa Lahr, Muhlenberg College, "Missed Opportunities for Human Development: An Analysis of Ghana's Experience with Structural Adjustment Programs"


Ariel Faber, Mansfield University, “Is Turkey Becoming the New Russia.”

**Discussant:** Andrew P. Miller, Wilkes University