

**2025 Southern Political Science Association
Summer Virtual Conference**

Preliminary Conference Program

June 16-17

Monday, June 16th

KiND Institute Professional Development Workshop

Managing Your Academic Journey: Confronting Everyday Challenges
with Dr. Diana L. Gustafson

Time: 12pm - 3:30pm (EDT)

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PANELS

Panel Title: **Political Methodology**

Time: 8am – 9:50am

Papers:

Media Bias in Democracy Measurements: A Systematic Analysis with Algorithmic Detection and Methodological Recommendations
Ali Amini, American University

Statutory Incidence and Staggered Adoption: Methodological Innovations in Evaluating Economic Nexus Requirements
Brayden Myers, The University of Alabama

The Puzzle of Ideological Incongruence: Focusing on Subjective Issue Importance
Heejin Na, Sogang University

Which Factors Matter in the Rankings of Graduate Programs?: Focusing on the United States Public Administration and Policy Programs
Ki Woong Cho, Jeonbuk National University

Panel Title: **The Intersection of Policy and Political Behavior**

Panel Time: 10am – 11:50am

Papers:

Exploring the Socioecological Determinants of Burnout Among Registered Nurses in the United States: A Quantitative Analysis
Sarah Paul, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Civically Engaged Research in Chicago
Magda Giurcanu, National Louis University

Autism, It's like a Language, You Have to Learn to Understand It.”: Puerto Rican mothers’ ideas and experiences with Autism Spectrum Disorder
Frances Ruiz-Alfaro, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus
Keila Lebron-Rojas, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus
Camile Borja, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

Tracking State Efforts on Nonpoint Source Water Pollution: Development of a Commitment Index
Xiaodan Zhang, Auburn University

Determinants of State-Level Surrogacy Policy Adoption in the United States
Jingjing Gao, UTHHealth Houston

Problems in Probation Policy: Debt and Dying
Shannon Smithey, Westminster College

Panel Title: **Continuing the Conversation: CwC on Borders and Migration**

Panel Time: 10am – 11:50am

Papers:

Megaphone or Modulator?: Examining The Role of Non-Profit Organizations in Amplifying the Voices of Immigrants
Grant Rissler, University of Richmond
Saltanat Liebert, Virginia Commonwealth University

The Politics of Fairness: How Migrant Legal Status and Social Service Provision Shape Immigration Preferences
Taylor Trummel, University of California Santa Barbara

Constrained Authority: How Border Enforcement Practices Shape Migrants' Decisions to Return

Miranda Simon, University of Essex

From Allies to Neighbors: The Impact of Military Service on Public Support for Refugee Resettlement

Christopher Blair, Princeton University

Panel Title: **Teaching Political Science**

Panel Time: 12pm – 1:50pm

Papers:

Strategic Use of Virtual Personas in AI-Facilitated Instruction: Toward Professional Immortality in a Community of Scholarship

Bruce Neubauer, Albany State University

John L. Daly, University of South Florida

Bridging the Bench and the Ballot: Teaching Business Law Online as an Introduction to American Political Institutions

Matt Michel, Santa Fe College

Toward a Republican Political Science Education

Justin Freebourn, Mt. San Antonio College

Legislative Simulation: Thematic analysis of Student Reflections

Brian Russell, Tennessee State University

Regina Russell, Vanderbilt University

From Insight to Impact: Training Researchers and Professionals in Policy Advocacy

Christopher Kulesza, Rice University

Sandy McKay, Rice University

Victoria Jupp, Rice University

Katarina Reyes, Rice University

Gaming Economic Public Policy: Innovative Ways to Teach Economic Theories

Peter Brusoe, SUNY Delhi

Panel Title: **Protest, Elections, and Representation in Latin America and Africa**

Panel Time: 12pm – 1:50pm

Papers:

Moving on up? Perceptions of Inequality and Redistributive Politics in Brazil
Yuhan Zheng, Princeton University

On-Cycle Elections in Mexico: The Impact on Turnout
Juan David Irigoyen Borunda, Florida State University
Evan Meyer, University of Florida

Introducing a Model to Explain Political Representation in Latin America
Clemente Quinones-Reyes, Georgia Gwinnett College

Horizontal Accountability and Legislative Oversight in Nigeria: A Comparative Analysis of Lagos and Kogi (2015-2023)
Idris Oladokun, Federal University, Lokoja-Nigeria

Wired for Protection: Cybercrime, Political Patronage and the State-Crime Nexus in Nigeria
Pleasant Ogedengbe, University of Central Florida

Panel Title: **Race and Ethnicity in American Politics**

Panel Time: 12pm – 1:50pm

Papers:

Out For Blood: How Menstruation is Racialized
Talia Davis, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Yearbooks as a tool in racial history research
Jadin Grieser, University of Northern Iowa
Jayme Renfro, University of Northern Iowa

Race, Partisanship, and Politically “Blue” Delaware
Theodore Davis, Jr., University of Delaware

Beyond Black and White: How the Presence of Racially Minoritized Judges Influences Sentencing Decisions
Matheus Felipe Moreira Zanetti, Florida State University

Panel Title: **The AI Revolution in Political Science**

Panel Time: 2pm – 3:50pm

Papers:

Toward the Facilitation of Mixed Cognitive Public Organizations
Bruce Neubauer, Albany State University
John L. Daly, University of South Florida

Is Artificial Intelligence Ruining Undergraduate Intelligence?
Kennedy Shorter, North Carolina A&T State University

The Technicalities of Integrating AI Into The NC3
Arsh Kumar, University of Chicago

Bridging Surveys Gaps via AI
Ali Amini, American University

AI and the Promotion of Environmental Concern
David Rand, MIT
Thomas Costello, MIT
Gordon Pennycook, MIT

Panel Titles: **Comparative Politics of Europe**

Panel Time: 2pm – 3:50pm

Papers:

Revolving Door Appointments in Spain
David Vilalta, Columbia University

Here, There and Everywhere: Variation in Subnational Support for the Populist Radical Right in Europe
Colin Hannigan, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University
Stanislaw Jank, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University

Determinants of turnout in first-time voluntary elections: Evidence from the abolishment of compulsory voting in Belgium
Dieter Stiers, KU Leuven

From Shop Floor to Ballot Box: Work Council and Electoral Behavior of at-risk Workers
Kyungroak Kang, Indiana University Bloomington

Panel Title: **Political Theory**

Panel Time: 2pm – 3:50pm

Papers:

Rescuing Hayek from Neoliberalism
Benjamin Brisson, University of California, Irvine

On Human Dignity in Hannah Arendt's The Origins of Totalitarianism
倩 苏, Sun Yat-sen University

Corporate Personhood: Green Jurisprudence and Political Theory
Bryan Licalde, University of Toronto

Aristotle's Education Relative to a Regime
Kevin Cherry, University of Richmond

Alexis de Tocqueville, Personal Finance, and the "Art of Being Free"
Sara Henary Holifield, Missouri State University

Populism and the cases of Turkey and the US
Selin Guner, St. Edward's University

Panel Title: **The Impact of Public-Private Partnerships**

Panel Time: 4pm – 5:50pm

Papers:

The Benefits of US Foreign Aid in Rural U.S. Communities: The case of Northwestern
North Carolina

Renee Scherlen, Appalachian State University
Jesse Lutabingwa, Appalachian State University

The Throes of Relational Contracting
Jessica Terman, George Mason University

Cross-Sector Partnerships in Support of Emergency Management

Rashed Mosharref, University of Oklahoma

Enhancing Senior Nutrition Programs Through Social Marketing and Community Partnerships: Insights from the DINE Project in Texas

Nandita Chaudhuri, Public Policy Research Institute, Texas A&M

Panel Title: **Democratic Performance and Authoritarianism**

Panel Time: 4pm – 5:50pm

Papers:

Narratives and Authoritarian Legitimation in Bangladesh Under the Sheikh Hasina Regime

Md Sahidul Islam, University of Florida

The 2025 General Elections in Trinidad and Tobago: Reactions, Repercussions, and Results

Indira Rampersad, The University of the West Indies

Autonomy Movements, Foreign Intervention, and Outcomes: The Cases of Nepal and China

Hari Jnawali, Queen's University

Lavender Ceiling: Authoritarian Regime Tactics and Dynamics of LGBTQ Sentiments

Dipika Pannu, Louisiana State University

Repression by Collective Responsibility

Giorgio Farace, The University of Chicago

Panel Title: **Identity and Political Thought**

Panel Time: 4pm – 5:50pm

Papers:

Huey P Newton analysis of the Lumpenproletariat: Change, potential, and praxis

Joshua Anderson, Virginia State University

W.E.B. Du Bois Walks into a Classroom with Michelangelo and Nectanebo

Robert Williams, Bennett College

Abolition-Democracy in an Industrial City: Black Women Resisting Enclosures from
The Philadelphia Negro to Black Reconstruction
Jasmine Yarish, University of the District of Columbia

Framing Black and Indigenous Anticolonial Thought in the Americas, 1763-1807
Tacuma Peters, City of New York, Hunter College

George Wallace: Racist Populist or Realist-Centrist Coalition Builder?
Joel Campbell, Troy University

Sovereign Citizens Movement and National Identity
Piper Biery, West Texas A&M

Tuesday, June 17th

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KiND Institute Professional Development Workshop

Approaches and Tools for Qualitative Data Coding

with Dr. Lea Sgier

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Panel Title: **Policy Effects on Wellness**

Panel Time: 8am – 9:50am

Papers:

Improving Chronic Disease Outcomes Through Culturally Tailored Interventions: Policy Implications from the ¡Sí, Yo Puedo Controlar Mi Diabetes! Program for Hispanic Seniors in Texas
Nandita Chaudhuri, Public Policy Research Institute, Texas A&M

A Grand Unified Theory of Social Problems
Edward Song, George Fox University

From Promises to Practice: Evaluating disability efforts in public parks
Courtney Harris, University of Louisiana Monroe
Leigh Hersey, University of Louisiana Monroe

Culture and Stress of Firefighters
Ki Woong Cho, National University
Amy Freeman, Florida State University
Samantha Hicks, Florida State University

Examining the Heterogeneity in the Impact of California's Paid Family Leave Program on Long-term Health-related Outcomes
Sonali Singh, University of Texas-Dallas

Panel Title: **Campaigns and Elections**

Panel Time: 8am – 9:50am

Papers:

Ticket-Splitting ‘Missouri-Style’: Valuation of Candidates Versus Policy
Kimberly Casey, Northwest Missouri State University

The Realities of the Voting Experience: How the Act of Casting a Ballot Varies Between
and Within States
David Niven, University of Cincinnati

Social Context, Economy, and Local News: A New Look at Voter Confidence in
American Elections
Murat Abus, Syracuse University
Johanna Dunaway, Syracuse University

Walk-in Elections: Catalysts and Ramifications of Primary Competition Levels in
Arkansas
Karl Barnett, University of Arkansas
Robert Richards, University of Arkansas

The Power to Persuade? Courts and Public Support for Malapportionment
Rieko Kage, The University of Tokyo

Panel Title: **Foreign Policy**

Panel Time: 8am – 9:50am

Papers:

A Clustered Data Analysis of Currency Manipulation
Kwesi Quansah, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

States position and policy direction in global environmental governance: Current
evaluation and prospects based on case studies of Japan’s response.
Masatoshi Yokota, Tokyo University of Science

Changing Pattern of U.S. Foreign Policy Towards Bangladesh and its Effects on
Democracy
Md Sahidul Islam, University of Florida

Soft Power Strategic Relations in the 21st Century: An X-Ray of the Socioeconomic Influence of China and Nigeria

Paul Chibuike Ezebuilo, Covenant University

Celestina Ekene Chukwudi, Covenant University

Grace Isaac, Covenant University

Panel Title: **Polarization, Identity, and Persuasion**

Panel Time: 10am – 11:50am

Papers:

Presidents' Messages on Legislation and the Congressional Targets of Lobbying
Huchen Liu, University of Nebraska Omaha

Gender and the Communication of Executive Policy Agendas

Mirya Holman, University of Houston

Mimosa Khatun, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Jason Windett, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

"We Don't Talk About That Anymore": Avoidance, Ambiguity, and the Erosion of Family Connection in Politically Polarized Households

Jennifer Brubaker, University of North Carolina Wilmington

RED, BLUE, & RAINBOW: Partisan Colors in a Gender-Expanding United States

Dipika Pannu, Louisiana State University

Could Moderate Median Justices Boost Supreme Court Legitimacy Views?

Thora Giallouri, California State University, San Bernardino

Party Identification, Health Insurance Status and Support of Healthcare Reform

Robert Coghlan III, Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth-Houston

Panel Title: **International Conflict**

Panel Time: 10am – 11:50am

Papers:

From Conflict to Cash: Understanding the Financial Networks of Iraqi Militant Groups

Hogr Tarkhani, Louisiana State University

War Ends Peace: The Organizational Evolution of the Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN)

Charles Larratt-Smith, The University of Texas at El Paso

Children of War, Agents of Peace: Assessing the UN's Response to Child Soldiers in Sierra Leone

Elizabeth Haley, Valdosta State University

Fighting Words or Friendly Ties? A Computational Analysis of Turkish Foreign Policy Rhetoric

Baris Alan, Tulane University

Panel Title: **Political Development in the United States and Abroad**

Panel Time: 12pm – 1:50pm

Papers:

The Ascendant Pink Menace: Grievance Politics, the Lost Cause, and the Re-Racialization of the LGBTQ+ Community

Anastasja Abraham, Mount Holyoke College

Politics of it All

Elizabeth Walker, College of the Desert

When Bureaucratic Control Fails: Information Monitoring and Political Decision-Making Bias within China's Imperial Bureaucracy

Xianqi Cao, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Xiaoming Zhang, Zhejiang University

The Caribbean Court of Justice: Potential for Regional Integration

Anthony Gafoor, Tax Appeal Court of Trinidad and Tobago

Racialized Guatemalan Migrant Labor and the Making of Grassroots Civil Societies in Greater Los Angeles

Julio Orellana, UC Santa Barbara

Panel Title: **International Public Opinion**

Panel Time: 12pm – 1:50pm

Papers:

Do Salient Judicial Decisions Influence Public Support for Courts? Evidence from Argentina

Matheus Felipe Moreira Zanetti, Florida State University

Explaining Migration: The Case of Latin America, 1960-2024

Clemente Quinones-Reyes, Georgia Gwinnett College

Conditions for Peace: South Korean Attitudes Toward Denuclearization Agreements

Hye-Sung Kim, Appalachian State University

Effect of Religious Conversion on Political Participation? Evidence from India

Amit Jadhav, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Panel Title: **Tackling Climate Change in a Polarized Political World**

Panel Time: 2pm – 3:50pm

Papers:

Political Context and Climate Change Action: A Systematic Review

Jens Koning, University of Oslo

Patrick Nyheim Schjøberg, Peace Research Institute Oslo

Halvard Buhaug, Norwegian University of Science and Technology & Peace Research Institute Oslo

How environmental disasters affect climate-related social and political norms

Alon Kraitzman, University of Pennsylvania

Delores Albarracin, University of Pennsylvania

What Drives Climate Concern? A Meta-Analysis of Predictive Factors

Yoonyoung Cho, Georgia State University

Faith-Based Motivators for Environmental Concern and Climate Change Activism

Anum Mustafa, MIT

Panel Title: **Gender and Politics**

Panel Time: 2pm – 3:50pm

Papers:

Expanding Capabilities through Representation: Applying Sen's Capability Approach to Pakistan's Gender Quota Policy (2002–2013).
Rabia Mujahid, Kennesaw State University

Perceptions of Future Educators on Gender Perspective Curriculum: A Qualitative Study at the University of Puerto Rico
Teófilo Espada-Brignoni, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus
Frances Ruiz-Alfaro, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus
Kevin S. Carroll, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus
Ariana S. Vélez Ballester, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus
Celimar Nieves Muñoz, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus
Alice J. Camacho González, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus
Paola N. Calo Rodríguez, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus

Women's Traditional Roles as Impediments to Political Participation: Attitudes in Six Southeast Asian Countries
Cheryl Van Den Handel, Northeastern State University
Sovathana Sokham, California State University, Dominguez Hills

Rural Women in Politics: Campaign Financing for Female Candidates in Iowa
Amy Erica Smith, Iowa State University

It's What the Fetus Does: How to ReConstitutionalize Abortions Rights after Dobbs
Eileen McDonagh, Northeastern University

Panel Title: **International Organizations and Alliances**

Panel Time: 2pm – 3:50pm

Papers:

Public Perception of CJEU Interactions with Member State Courts
Jamie Elliott, Kennesaw State University

Keep Your Friends Close, and Your Foes Closer: State-Centered Analysis of the Supply Side of IO Enlargement
Xiran Chen, The University of Arizona
Dmitriy Nurullayev, The University of Arizona

Who Complies? Using Self Reports to Measure Compliance with CEDAW
Anna Kowalski, University of Colorado Boulder

Trump's Unilateralism, Strained Alliances, and Economic Consequences
Taif Cortany, University of North Texas

Panel Title: **American Political Institutions**

Panel Time: 4pm – 5:50pm

Papers:

Beyond Seniority: The Role of Legislative Effectiveness on Becoming Committee Chair
Michael Bednarczuk, Austin Peay State University

Resource Cursed States?
Hannah Ridge, Chapman University
Josh Lerner, Chapman University
Kiran Auerbach, Chapman University

Social Change in an Era of Declining Delegation
Jennifer Woodward, Middle Tennessee State University

Judicial deference to expert but interested agencies: theory and experimental evidence
Kira Pronin, Syracuse University

Violating the Emoluments Clause: Evidence from the first Trump Presidency
Faisal Ahmed, Wellesley College

Panel Title: **Comparative Political Behavior of Africa**

Panel Time: 4pm – 5:50pm

Papers:

Democratic Hopes: A longitudinal study of diffuse and specific political support in South Africa over 20 years
Sarah Giles, Stellenbosch University

Complicated State/Media Relations in Cameroon: The Case of the Death of Martinez Zogo
Benn Bongang, Savannah State University

Co-Ethnic Voting and the Analysis of Trust Levels in Nigeria
Ayorinde Olanrewaju, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Protest Movements, Veto Players and Electoral Reforms in Africa
Joseph Akowuah, Washington State University
Sylvester Andam, Washington State University
Michael Ritter, Washington State University

Panel Title: **IR Theory**

Panel Time: 4pm – 5:50pm

Papers:

Beyond Harm: Writing Ontologies of Pain in International Relations
Jappandeep Kour, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Theorizing the Nation-State: Kashmir, India, and Pakistan in Brubaker's Triadic Framework
Raheel Bashir Rather, Jawaharlal Nehru University

U.S.-China: Then and Now
Saidat Ilo, University of Houston-Victoria

Patron-Client Relations in Compact of Free Association States
Izzet Yalin Yuksel, University of Tartu

Echoes of Authoritarianism in a New Democracy and an Established One with Checks and Balances: Hitler vs. Trump
Asif Siddiqui, MacEwan University
