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North Carolina Political Science Association

NCPSA 41st ANNUAL CONFERENCE **FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2012** **Duke University**

Call for papers:

The North Carolina Political Science Association is looking forward to its 41st Annual Meeting on February 24, 2012 at the Millenium Hotel at Duke University in Durham, NC. The annual meeting of the NCPSA provides participants with a wonderful opportunity to share their research ideas and network with colleagues from around NC. Dr. David Price of Duke University (and of course the US House of Representatives!) has been invited to be this year's keynote speaker. We are planning several organized panels: we'll feature members of the NC General Assembly from both sides of the aisle, and also a panel of professional lobbyists on how lobbying and legislating work.

We encourage you to consider presenting a paper, chairing a panel or serving as a discussant at the conference. You are welcome to submit a plan for entire panels, a single paper, or anything in between.

The paper/panel proposal deadline is: Wednesday, December 21, 2011.
Proposals can be submitted via email to
2012.ncpsa.meeting@gmail.com

For additional information, please contact Dr. Michael Munger,
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Regards,

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Message from the President

There is a story that in ancient China one might be subject to three curses, each increasing in severity. The first was, “May you live in interesting times!” The second was “May the authorities be aware of you!” The last, and of course the worst, was “May you find everything you are looking for.”

It turns out that none of these sayings have any historical basis as real Chinese “curses.” Still, I’m afraid we are cursed nonetheless. The times we live in are much too interesting for my taste. And in the North Carolina of the Patriot Act, picture IDs for voting, and the naked scanner machines at airports, the authorities are very much aware of us.

Still, it appears we haven’t found everything we are looking for. In fact, North Carolinians—like most Americans—are becoming increasingly disenchanted with our government and with our state-sponsored parties.

Two-thirds of NC voters distrust the partisanship of redistricting so much that they would prefer that this activity be taken away from the legislature completely. Nearly one-quarter of NC voters chose “unaffiliated” when they registered. Of new voters, age 25 or less, nearly one-third choose “unaffiliated.” When asked which party is more likely to provide leadership to end the recession and produce economic growth, close to one-third of NC voters say “neither.”

Part of the problem is that both political parties have interpreted voter dissatisfaction with the other guys as a mandate for their own policies. But the same voters who overwhelmingly turned out for Democrat President Barack Obama in 2008 voted for Republican Senator Scott Brown in Massachusetts. These wild gyrations, where voters seem to vote against incumbents at much higher rates than usual, are consistent with a kind of political disintermediation. Voters cannot seem to find what they are looking for, and they aren’t happy about it.

Interesting times like these raise the importance of political science. Political scientists understand the importance of responsible, responsive parties. My Duke colleague John Aldrich has written many books and articles on why parties are crucial in a democracy. Long ago, E.E. Schattschneider went further, famously saying that “the political parties created democracy and modern democracy is unthinkable save in terms of the parties.”

This year, the annual conference of the NCPSA will be held at Duke University, on February 24, 2012. The Executive Council has worked on ensuring that this year’s conference will live up to the high standards set in the last few years, where attendance and the quality of the papers presented may have been the very best in the history of the Association.

More important, though, I hope that the conference will animate all of us to take back to our campus a sense of the importance of the work that we do. Democracy doesn’t just happen. It takes the participation of people who want to ensure the success of our state,

and our nation, through compromise and careful policy-making. No one gets everything they want, I suppose. But then that would be a real curse.

Dr. Michael C. Munger

Troutman-Raney-*Politics and Policy* Undergraduate Paper Award for 2011

The winner of the award will be announced at the Luncheon during our annual Conference in February 2011, but the winner and the faculty member who made the nomination will be notified before the Conference. The winner will receive \$200, can be our guest at the Conference, and will receive a letter of recognition. The winner will be selected by a committee appointed by the NCPSA President using a blind review process. Half of the money for the award comes from *Politics and Policy*.

Rules:

- 1) Each member of the Association who is a faculty member of a North Carolina college or university may submit one paper for consideration. Please note that only those who joined the Association at or before the February 2012 Conference are eligible to nominate a student's paper.
 - 2) The paper must have been submitted to the nominator by an undergraduate student in full or partial fulfillment of the requirements of a Political Science class taught during 2011.
 - 3) The paper must be sent as a pdf file to the chair of the selection committee, Thomas Oatley of the University of North Carolina, toatley@email.unc.edu before 31 December 2011. The file containing the paper should be titled: "AuthorName_ShortPaperName.pdf"
 - 4) The paper should be vetted by TURNITIN.COM before being submitted to assure that it is not a plagiarism. If the nominator does not have access to this resource, the Association will vet the selected paper before making a final decision.
 - 5) The cover sheet of the paper should contain the following information:
 - a) Student's name
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REPORT ON 40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 40th Annual conference of the North Carolina Political Science Association, hosted by the University of North Carolina Charlotte, was a great success. We had over 70 scholars participating in the conference. Participants came from 30 colleges and universities mostly from North Carolina, but several were from institutions outside of our state. The conference included 15 panels and two round table presentations on a multitude of topics in all major subfields of political science. Keynote Speaker, Rob Richie of the Center for Voting and Democracy discussed voting reforms that could be enacted to expand voter turnout in states like North Carolina. The Award for Best paper at the 2010 NCPSA conference went to Daniel Masters (UNCW) for the paper: "Strong States, Weak States and Terrorism: the Nexus of Terrorism and Anocracy". The Troutman-Rainey Award from *Politics and Policy* for 2010 was awarded to Jason Trudell of Methodist University for his paper: "Environmental Performance Indicators: A Comparison by State."

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Appalachian State University

The Department of Government and Justice Studies at Appalachian State University has seen tremendous success and growth over the last year. Most notably, our M.A. Program in Political Science recently developed a cross-disciplinary concentration in Environmental Politics and Policy Analysis with the ASU Economics Department. We also established a state-of-the-art survey research lab housed within the Center for Economic Policy and Regional Analysis. To support our growth the department hired four new tenure track faculty: Tammatha Clodfelter (UNC-Charlotte), Dr. Tatyana Ruseva (University of Indiana), Michael Potter (Virginia Tech), and Rhys Hester (University of South Carolina). We also feel very fortunate to be conducting five additional tenure track searches this year which will include a newly endowed Daniel B. German Chair in Political Science. Finally, we are sorry to announce the retirements of two notable senior faculty in our department: Dr. Joel Thompson and Dr. Marvin Hoffman. Their leadership and service to the department and university will be sincerely missed.

East Carolina University

In the last year, members of the faculty have published 24 articles in refereed journals, published 8 books, and made 44 presentations at academic conferences. Jody

Baumgartner was part of a group of vice-presidency scholars who met with Vice-President Biden to discuss the role of the VP in the modern era. Dursun Peksen won the Frank J. Klingberg Award for Best Faculty paper at Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association.

Gardner-Webb University

The Gardner-Webb University Social Sciences Department replaced two of its longtime faculty members - one due to retirement and the other through death. Dr. Anthony Eastman (History) retired after three and a half decades of service. Dr. Barry Hambright (political science) died from cancer on election day in 2010 after an equally long tenure at the school.

They were replaced by Dr. Joseph Moore (History) and Dr. Benjamin Gaskins (Political Science) beginning with the fall semester 2011. Dr. Moore is from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Dr. Gaskins comes from Florida State University. Both are Americanists. Dr. Gaskins is working with other faculty from schools in the Charlotte area in an effort to provide election year and convention related programming in 2012.

Dr. Michael Kuchinsky (political science and global studies) presented papers at the International Studies Association Midwestern and Southern Conferences and submitted a chapter on the use of literature from the Global South for an edited volume on alternative pedagogies in the teaching of political science. He was also active in a series of presentations throughout the southeast this past fall on the importance of interfaith discourse and dialogue, and lead a "Great Decisions" program for the Hickory International Council in 2011.

The department added another simulation program onto its three year old Model Arab League activity. Last year (2010-2011) was the first time for fielding a team to the international Model NATO program in Washington, DC. Both programs are active this year.

The department's Pre-Law and Public Service program (now 2 years old) averages three to four programs per semester related to pre-professional issues in legal, governmental and non-profit service.

Three of the department's students (and soon to be graduates) were involved in internships. Melinda Dulkowski with a state prosecutor's office in Florida; John Rock with the North Carolina Legislative Assembly program in Raleigh; and Michelle Palacio with an international NGO in Washington, DC.

North Carolina State University (Political Science and Public Administration Departments)

Jim Zink (Ph.D. UC Davis) has been hired as an assistant professor.

Jim's specializes in the thought of the Founders and is working on a series of projects about James Wilson. Amanda Ross-Edwards now heads the Leadership in the Public Sector degree completion program. Amanda will continue to teach courses in Political Science. Michael Struett has been promoted to associate professor. Michael specializes in international organizations and has a book on the International Criminal Court.

Bob Moog moved into his second year as chair in July. In 2010-11, faculty members published 11 articles and presented 42 papers at professional conferences.

UNC Charlotte

Students

In the Spring of 2011, UNCC's Model UN Team traveled to a number of tournaments, including one to Singapore to participate in the Harvard World Model UN Conference. This team won eight individual delegate Diplomacy Awards, accorded to those exhibiting the highest diplomatic skills in seven difference committees, an outstanding and unprecedented achievement.

Based on information gathered from these and other conferences, an organization called Best Delegate posted international ranking of MUN programs worldwide. UNCC was ranked 22nd in the world, and (when filtered to separate private from public institutions in this ranking), 5th in the world among public schools!

Social Action Project: The Model UN Club, which began participating in Social Action Projects last summer when it sent a team to work in an orphanage in Haiti after the earthquake, worked with Habitat for Humanity this august in two building projects.

The **NCSL delegation** completed an unusually eventful Annual Session in Raleigh in Spring 2011, this month, including a lightning strike to the roof top air conditioning unit (which blew it out) and a trip to the bunker underneath the Legislative Office Building to dodge the tornados.

Our delegation won the Best Delegation from a Large School Award, **Aston Burr** won the Best Delegate Chairperson award, and **John Harraman** won for the Best House Bill and Best Resolution of the Year (he was also voted the Best Speaker in the House, but they told him he couldn't win both the best bill and best speaker awards.

Faculty Books

Eric Heberlig has two books...

Jeffrey Gillman and Eric Heberlig. 2011. *How the Government Got in Your Backyard: Superweeds, Frankenfoods, Lawn Wars, and the (Nonpartisan) Truth About Environmental Policies*. Portland: Timber Press.

Eric Heberlig and Bruce Larson. 2012 (forthcoming). *Congressional Parties, Institutional Ambition, and the Financing of Majority Control*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Martha Kropf's book with David C. Kimball, *Helping America Vote: The Limits of Election Reform* (Routledge) will come out in December 2011.

Gary Rassel is co-author with E. O'Sullivan and J.D. Taliaferro of a new textbook: *Practical Research Methods for Nonprofit and Public Administrators*, published by Longman, Inc. (2011).

Choice Magazine named **James I. Walsh's** book: *The International Politics of Intelligence Sharing* an Outstanding Academic Title for 2010.

Gregory B. Week's book with John R. Weeks, *Irresistible Forces: Latin American Migration to the United States and Its Effects on the South* (University of New Mexico Press) came out in February 2011.

Faculty Grants/Contracts:

Bill Brandon was awarded a research contract by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, to conduct a survey of Medicaid recipients in the State. Two surveys (one for children and another of adults on Medicaid) will assess access to, satisfaction with, and utilization of health care. The three-year contract provides \$320,000 in external funding; total project costs are budgeted for \$340,000. It will support one doctoral-level research assistant and **Dr. Galen Smith**, who has just been appointed as a Visiting Assistant Research Professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration. Dr. Smith received his Ph.D. in Public Policy (UNCC) in December 2010.

James Walsh was awarded two grants in October 2011:

“An Analytical Framework for Rapid End-to-End Support for Effective Civil-Military Operations Planning.” Principal investigator with William Tolone [lead PI], Joseph Whitmeyer, and Mirsad Hadzikadic. Engineer Research and Development Center, Army Corps of Engineers. Amount \$297,627.

“The Effectiveness of Drone Strikes in Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism Campaigns.” Principal Investigator. External Research Associates Program, Army War College. Amount: \$9,048.

Leadership:

Beth Whitaker has been elected for a two-year term as Chair of the African Politics Conference Group (APCG), a 350+ member organization affiliated with the American

Political Science Association, the African Studies Association, and the International Studies Association. The APCG is the primary networking organization for political scientists whose research focuses on Africa.

Babies...

Eric and Tracy Heberlig welcomed Ellie into the world on Sunday, November 21, 2010.

Iain and Ming Bolton welcomed E'ara into the world on Thursday, January 27, 2011. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 3 ounces.

Beth Whitaker and Jason Giersch welcomed Colby into the world on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. He weighed in at 9 lbs. 11 ounces.

University of North Carolina Pembroke

UNCP's Department of Political Science continues to grow and develop a reputation of being one of the most active and accessible departments on campus. Over the last few months our majors have moved forward to form not only a new political science club, but also chapters of College Republicans and Young Democrats, both of which have been long dormant. The political science faculty also hosts a political science movie night approximately twice a month, where it shows documentaries and feature films tied to all facets of political science and has discussions and roundtables related to the topics at hand. Average attendance for these ranges from 50 to 70 students per showing.

The department remains the headquarters for UNCP's Model United Nations and Model Arab League teams, hosts the annual Gibson and Mary Ana Lecture series in international studies, facilitates activities tied to Constitution Day each fall, and continues to develop a broad and diverse internship program. This summer the department launches its first-ever faculty-driven study abroad program, to be held in Berlin, Germany.

The department has also presented research at a number of prestigious regional, national, and international conferences over the last year, including APSA, ISA, WPSA, and WISC.

University of North Carolina Wilmington

In July Earl Sheridan became the new department chair of Public and International Affairs replacing Roger Lowery who is going on phased retirement. This is Dr. Sheridan's second stint as chair. He served as chair from 1992-2000.

Professors Laurie E. Paarlberg and Stephen S. Meinhold were recently awarded a \$266,338 grant from the National Science Foundation for a project entitled **Institutional Competing Logics: Local Context vs. National Identity in United Way Systems**. It

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 will be hiring a Distinguished Professor of Innovation in the Nonprofit Sector to begin next academic year. This endowed professorship was made possible by a generous gift from the Betty and Dan Cameron Family.

The renowned scholar on terrorism Dr. Bruce Hoffman was guest speaker as a part of UNCW's commemoration of 9/11 on September 13. Dr. Daniel Masters of the Department of Public and International Affairs chaired the committee that put on this commemoration with help from Dr. Thomas Barth, department member and Dean of Public Service and Continuing Studies.

News on *Politics and Policy* subscriptions for NCPSA Members

Beginning in January 2012, P&P will be provided as an online-only publication. This means that subscribers will receive a code that they can use in order to access the journal electronically, instead of receiving paper copies by mail. NCPSA members will then enjoy the benefit of being able to access not only current issues, but also the entire collection of volumes. In the case of *Politics & Policy*, the collection goes back almost 40 years.

This transition will give us the opportunity to try new and innovative ways in which scholarship is being produced, published and disseminated. Newer generations of scholars are increasingly using tools that can only be offered in an online environment, such as color, video and interactive graphs and maps. On the other hand, readers are increasingly looking towards online databases and electronic devices in order to access academic content. Going online-only means that we will be able to further advance our goals of dissemination of scholarship, and strengthen our ability to provide quality and cutting-edge platforms for scholars to share their research with the world.

We have very much enjoyed our connection to NCPSA through the years and we are glad to continue providing the journal to your members. While we have a list of your members' physical addresses for current delivery of the journal, we want to ask you to send us a list with their e-mails. All NCPSA members will then receive a special code that they will use in order to access all of the P&P content in one site. We need this list in order to guarantee that your members will continue receiving access to the journal.

Kind regards,
Daniel Gutierrez-Sandoval