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And Awards Banquet**

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**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
AT GREENSBORO**

Elliott University Center

38th NCPSA Conference
Program Summary
Friday 27 February 2009
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8:00 – 1:00 **Conference Registration**

Lobby area outside of the Kirkland Room,
lower level of the Elliott University Center

8:30 – 10:00 **First Group of Panels**

Panel A-1: Undergraduate Student Papers, Kirkland Room, lower level

Panel A-2: The 2008 Elections, Claxton Room, lower level

Panel A-3: Political Women, Dogwood Room, main level

10:15 – 11:45 **Second Group of Panels and Roundtables**

Panel B-1: Comparative Politics, Kirkland Room, lower level

Panel B-2: Teaching Politics with Practica – MUN and NCSL, Claxton Room, lower level

Panel B-3: Public Budgeting and Finance, Dogwood Room, main level

Panel B-4: Undergraduate Student Papers on Organizational Theory, Alexander Room,
lower level

12:00 – 1:45

**Awards Luncheon, Presentation of Awards, and Keynote
Address by The Honorable Patrick McCrory,
Mayor of Charlotte**

Virginia Dare Room, Alumni House, which is adjacent to the
Elliott University Center.

2:00 – 3:30

Plenary Session on North Carolina Politics

Maple Room, main level

3:45 – 5:00

Third Group of Panels

Panel C-1: Foreign Policy in the New Administration, Kirkland Room, lower level

Panel C-2: Policy Making, Dogwood Room, lower level

Panel C-3: American Politics, Claxton Room, main level

5:15 – 6:15

North Carolina Political Science Association Business Meeting

Maple Room, main level

8:30 – 10:00 – A Panels

Panel A-1 Kirkland Room Lower Level: Undergraduate Student Papers

Moderator: Johnny Shull, Central Carolina Community College

Presenters:

Candice Gilliland, North Carolina State University, “The Trojan Horse that Wasn’t: A Historical Perspective on the Public Policy Initiatives of the intelligent Design Movement”

Robert Hatem, UNC Wilmington, “Retaliation as a Counter-Terrorist Strategy and its Impact on Semi-State Groups”

Dalton Hoffine, Wake Forest University, “The Grand Strategy: The Effects of the Russian Energy Quest on Russian Global Relations”

Caroline H. Pendry, Western Carolina University, “The Bush Administration Impact on Reproductive Rights”

Benjamin Walther, UNC Wilmington, “Targeted Killing as a Counterterrorism Strategy: An Empirical Investigation”

Discussants:

James Walsh, UNC Charlotte

John Mero, Campbell University

Panel A-2 Claxton Room Lower Level: The 2008 Elections

Moderator: Don Livingston, Western Carolina University

Presenters:

Peter L. Francia, East Carolina University, “The White Working Class in the 2008 Election”

Martha Kropf and Angela B. Cooke, UNC Charlotte, “How Representative of the Electorate are Early Voters?”

Charles Prysby, UNC Greensboro, “The 2008 elections in North Carolina”

Discussants:

J. Michael Bitzer, Catawba College

Jeffrey M. Elliott, North Carolina Central University

8:30 – 10:00 – A Panels (continued)

Panel A-3 Dogwood Room Main Level: Political Women

Moderator: Ruth Ann Strickland, Appalachian State University

Presenters:

Elizabeth Wemlinger, UNC Charlotte, “Women in Legislature: Do They Make a Difference?”

Jason Windett, UNC Chapel Hill, “State Effects and the Emergence and Success of Female Gubernatorial Candidates”

John Szmer, UNC Charlotte, “Examining the Impact of Gender Diversity on the U.S. Court of Appeals”

Discussants:

Susan Johnson, UNCG

David Thornton, Campbell University

10:15 – 11:45 – B Panels

Panel B-1 Kirkland Room Lower Level: Comparative Politics

Moderator: Kelly Harris, Johnson C. Smith University

Presenters:

Claudia N. Avellaneda, UNC Charlotte, “Mayoral Decision-Making: Context, Issue Salience, and Leadership Quality”

Robert J. Griffiths, UNC Greensboro, South Africa’s 2009 Elections: A more Competitive Democracy?”

Ambrose Jacobs, Bennett College for Women, “The Development of the ANC: 1942-1949”

E. Ike Udogu, Appalachian State University, “Federalism and the Union of African States: A theoretical Discourse”

Discussants:

Mark H. Setzler, Highpoint University

Beth Whitaker, UNC Charlotte

10:15 – 11:45 – B Panels (continued)

Panel B-2 Claxton Room Lower Level: Round Table on Teaching Politics with Practica – MUN and NCSL

Moderator: Ansel Brown, North Carolina Central University

Participants:

Cynthia C. Combs, UNC Charlotte

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Panel B-3 Dogwood Room Main Level: Public Budgeting and Finance

Moderator: Larry N. Stern, Mars Hill College

Presenters:

William Albrecht, UNC Pembroke, “Public Budgeting and Mean-Variance Criteria”

Gerald Bushee, Mount Olive College and John Sacco, George Mason University, “Market Logic and Finance Questions”

James David Harder, UNC Wilmington, “Innovative Transportation Revenue Solutions for NC: Evaluating Public-Private Partnerships and Toll Roads”

Gary R. Russell, UNC Charlotte, “Local Government Economic Development Tools: The Role of Tax Increment Financing”

Discussant:

Ken Klase, UNC Greensboro

Robert Kravchuk, UNC Charlotte

Panel B-4 Alexander Room Lower Level: Student Papers on Organizational Theory

Moderator: John Mero, Campbell University

Presenters:

Brian Barnes, Campbell University, “Wilson, N.C. Fire/Rescue Services”

Jessica Futrell, Campbell University, “The Central Intelligence Agency”

Peter Pyo, Campbell University, “The Environmental Protection Agency”

Hank Raper, “Campbell University, “American Civil Liberties Union”

Discussant:

Jalil Roshandel, East Carolina University

2:00 – 3:30 -- Plenary Session on North Carolina Politics
Maple Room

Moderator: Jim Corey, High Point University and NCPSA President

Panelists:

Philip Burger, N.C. Senate

Robert Christensen, *Raleigh News and Observer*

Douglas Clark, *Greensboro News and Record*

John Hood, John Locke Foundation

Paul Lubeke, N.C. House of Representatives

3:45 – 5:00 – C Panels

Panel C-1 Kirkland Room Lower Level: Foreign Policy in the New Administration

Moderator: Beth Whitaker, UNC Charlotte

Presenters:

Kelly Harris, Johnson C. Smith University, “AGOA: Old Wine in New Bottles or Enlightened U.S. Foreign Policy Towards Africa?”

Sarita D. Jackson, North Carolina A&T State University, “The Transnationalism of the Left in Latin America and the Caribbean”

Abdeslam Maghraoui, Duke University, “The New Administration and the Middle East: A New Paradigm?”

Jalil Roshandel, East Carolina University, “US-Iran Relations, Getting From Exclusion to Inclusion”

Discussants:

Daniel Masters, UNC Wilmington

Gregory Weeks, UNC Charlotte

3:45 – 5:00 – C Panels (continued)

Panel C-2 Dogwood Room Main Level: Policy Making

Moderator: Claudia N. Avellaneda

Presenters:

Sharon R. Paynter, Brown University and Maureen M. Berner, UNC Chapel Hill, “When Even the ‘Dollar Value Meal’ Costs Too Much: Food Insecurity and Long Term Dependence on Food Pantry Assistance”

Carmine Scavo and Robert Thompson, East Carolina University, “Federalism at Work: housing the Homeless in North Carolina”

David Swindell, UNC Charlotte; Karen Harlow-Rosentraub, Case Western Reserve University; and Laura B. Wilson, University of Maryland. “Aging Baby Boomers’ Social Capital and Community Development”

Junfeng Wang, UNC Pembroke, and Kenneth Godwin, UNC Charlotte, “Brownfield Policies: An Inter-governmental Attempt to Correct a Government Failure”

Discussants:

Angela Y. Douglas, UNC Wilmington

Fred Swan, Independent Scholar

Panel C-3 Claxton Room Lower Level: American Politics

Moderator: Eric Heberlig, UNC Charlotte

Presenters:

Theodore S. Arrington, UNC Charlotte, “Affirmative Districting and Four Decades of Redistricting: the Seats/Votes Relationship 1972-2008”

Martha Kropf, David Swindell, and Elizabeth Wemlinger, UNC Charlotte, “The Effects of Early Voting on Social Ties: Using Longitudinal Data”

John Mero, Campbell University, “Maddening: Situating Mothers Against Drunk Driving Within the Interest Group Literature”

Isaac Unah, and Jack Boger, UNC Chapel Hill, “Empirical Analysis of Race and the Death Penalty in North Carolina”

Discussants:

Jeffrey M. Elliot, North Carolina Central University

Jim Corey, High Point University

All the panel papers are available as pdf files and can be downloaded from our web site:

ncpsa.net

The papers are listed by the first author's last name.

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