

Saturday, March 4th
Lake Point Conference Center
Session #3 – 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Training Room C: Comparative Politics Panel

Chair & Discussant: Gizachew Tiruneh, University of Central Arkansas

“Capitalism, Cosmopolitanism, and Common Sense: A Critical Approach to World Politics in the Era of Brexit and Trump”

– Alan Elrod, Arkansas State University – Beebe

“Private Campaign Funding and Electoral Turnout: An Empirical Investigation of Voter Disillusionment”

– Kiril Kolev, Hendrix College

– Anushah Jiwani, Hendrix College

“Hawks or Doves? An Analysis of College Student Attitudes Regarding U.S. Foreign Policy in the Post-9/11 Period”

– Dr. Mark Elrod, University of Central Arkansas

– Dr. Mark Mullenbach, University of Central Arkansas

Training Room B: Undergraduate Panel on Democracy and Social Movements

Chair & Discussant: Christopher J. Williams, University of Arkansas – Little Rock

“‘Workers of the World, Unite’ at the Polls: Voter Turnout in Emerging Democracies.”

– Lauren Mahaney, Hendrix College

“The American Influence on Democratization”

– Hannah Templin, Lyon College

“Regionalism, Human Rights, and International Society: the Emergence of Regional Pluralism.”

– Andrew McWard, Hendrix College

“Analyzing the Impact of Social and Economic Development on Regular Immigration Policies.”

– Isaac Filat, Hendrix College

Executive Boardroom: Political Theory Roundtable – The Possibility of Democracy in Communicative Capitalism

Chair & Discussant: Matt Evans, Northwest Arkansas Community College

Roundtable Participants:

– Dr. Clay Arnold, University of Central Arkansas

– Dr. Matt Evans, Northwest Arkansas Community College

– Dr. Michael T. Rogers, Arkansas Tech University

– Dr. Mary Beth Sullivan, University of Central Arkansas

Saturday, March 4th
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Session #4 – 10:15 AM to 11:45 AM

Training Room C: Arkansas Politics Roundtable: “The 2016 Elections in Arkansas: What Happened and What is Next?”

Chair & Discussant: Andrew Dowdle, University of Arkansas – Fayetteville

Roundtable Members:

– Jay Barth, Hendrix College

– Hal Bass, Ouachita Baptist University

– John Davis, University of Arkansas at Monticello

– Joe Giammo, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

– Karen Sebold, University of Arkansas – Fayetteville

Training Room B: Undergraduate Panel on Racial Diversity in State Government

Chair & Discussant: Dr. Brendan Toner, Arkansas Tech University

“Influences on Local Government: An Analysis of Racial Diversity and Forms of Municipal Government.”

– Joshua Copeland, Hendrix College

“The Effect of Judicial Race on Sentencing Behavior in the Criminal Justice System.”

– Hannah Smithee, Lyon College

“State Judiciary Elections and Judicial Shopping: Are Judicial Candidates in Arkansas Raising More Money from Lawyers Looking for Friendly Courtrooms?”

– Taylor Pray, University of Arkansas

“The Influence of Judicial Campaign Funding Sources on Justices’ Rulings in Arkansas and Alabama in 2015.”

– Jaden Atkins, University of Arkansas

“Race, Republicanism, and Realignment in Arkansas.”

– Danielle DeVore Casey, University of Central Arkansas

12:00 Noon until 12:45 PM: Lunch

Lake Point Sub w/ Ham

Turkey au Poivre

Soup, Mini Salad Bar, Beverages, Desserts

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM

Guest Speaker

**Congressman
Stephen Womack**

Arkansas 3rd District



**44TH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE ARKANSAS
POLITICAL SCIENCE
ASSOCIATION**

March 3rd – March 4th, 2017



Friday, March 3rd
Rothwell Hall, ATU Campus
Session #1 – 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Rothwell 321: American Politics Panel

Chair: Steven Breezeel, Harding University

Discussant: Kiril Kolev, Hendrix College

“Issues in Southern Politics: Race, Economics, and Religion.”

– Seth McKee, Texas Tech University

“The Primary Issue: How Primary Type Polarized a Nation.”

– Kiril Kolev, Hendrix College

– Peter Butler, Hendrix College

“What Inherent Rights?”

– Tom McInnis, University of Central Arkansas

“They Wanted a Tea Party and got a Dogfight: The Lack of GOP Discipline & the Nomination of Donald Trump.”

– Heather Yates, University of Central Arkansas

– Gary Wekkin, University of Central Arkansas

Rothwell 312: International Relations / Comparative Politics Panel

Chair & Discussant: Matt Evans, Northwest Arkansas Community College

“Realism Since 9/11: U. S. Foreign Policy Toward India”

– Kevin Brennan, Ouachita Baptist University

“The Syrian Civil War and Diaspora Transitional Justice Mobilization”

– Eric Wiebelhaus-Brahm, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

“Signing Free Agents or Extending Contracts: The Effects of Partisan Dealignment on Non- Left/Right Policy Responsiveness.”

– Christopher J. Williams Assistant Professor

Rothwell 307: Undergraduate Panel on Religion and Politics

Chair & Discussant: Carol Strong, University of Arkansas Monticello

“Religion or Ideology? The Voting Preferences of Little Rock Churchgoers.”

– Charlana Benefiel, University of Arkansas Little Rock

“Faith in Action: A Look into Little Rock’s Religious Mobilization.”

– Brian Gregory, University of Arkansas Little Rock

“The Impact of Race and Religious Tradition on Political Activity and Issue Importance.”

– Faith Thomas, University of Arkansas Little Rock

“Church Attendance, Politics, and Social Engagement in the Catholic and Black Protestant Traditions.”

– Paola Cavallari, University of Arkansas Little Rock

“Quality of Life and Communal Violence: Assessing Causes and Comparing Salience.”

– Bradford Harper, Hendrix College

Friday, March 3rd
Rothwell Hall, ATU Campus
Session #1– 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Rothwell 306: Undergraduate Panel on Campaigns and Political Media

Chair & Discussant: Karen Sebold, University of Arkansas

“News That (Still) Matters: The Millennials Edition.”

– Matthew Ramirez, Hendrix College

“Showing their Softer Side: Analyzing the Soft Media Strategies of Statewide Campaigns in Texas and Arkansas.”

– Mark Hickey, Hendrix College

“Advertising Saturation in Political Campaigns: An Analysis of Negative Advertising and Voter Turnout in the 2014 Elections.”

– Sami Sexton, Hendrix College

“Amped Up, Turning Out: Polarization’s Impact on Voter Turnout.”

– Barrett Goodwin, Hendrix College

“The Effects of the Electoral College on Presidential Candidates’ Campaigns.”

– Michaela West, Lyon College

Friday, March 3rd
Rothwell Hall, ATU Campus
Session #2 – 2:45 PM to 4:15 PM

Rothwell 321: Public Administration Panel

Chair & Discussant: Clay Arnold, University of Central Arkansas

“The Diffusion of Veterans Treatment Courts: A Prediction of Future Adoption for the Late Majority and Laggard States”

– Eric Button, University of Arkansas – Fayetteville

– William Schreckhise, University of Arkansas – Fayetteville

“Fantasy vs. Reality: Examining State Legislation Involving Fantasy Sports”

– Joshua Mitchell, University of Arkansas – Fayetteville

– Brendan Toner, Arkansas Tech University

“How Pedagogy and Sequencing Affect Civic Literacy and Engagement: A Study of Political Science General Education Courses”

– Donald Gooch, Stephen F. Austin University

– Michael Rogers, Arkansas Tech University

“Freight and Logistics in the Fort Smith Metropolitan Area: Implications for Public Policy”

– Michael Yoder, University of Central Arkansas

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Rothwell Hall, ATU Campus
Session #2 – 2:45 PM – 4:15 PM

Rothwell 312: American Politics Roundtable: “The Influences and Consequences of Gender and Race in the 2016 Presidential Campaign.”

Chair & Discussant: Heather E. Yates, University of Central Arkansas

Roundtable Members:

– Monika Alston-Miller, University of Central Arkansas

– Karen Sebold, University of Arkansas

– Nicole Shoaf, Missouri Southern State University

Rothwell 307: Undergraduate Panel on Public Policy: Education and the Economy

Chair & Discussant: Tucker Staley, University of Central Arkansas

“Confined Education: Reforming the Education in Juvenile Detention Centers in Arkansas.”

– Anna Walker, Hendrix College

“Reform of the International Monetary System: Analyzing Chartalism’s Contributions and the Resulting Policy Implications.”

– Chirag Lala, Hendrix College

“Religious Denominations’ Attitude Toward Social Issues that affect the Community”

– Kyle S. Smith, University of Arkansas – Little Rock

Friday, March 3rd
Post-Panel Events

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM:

ARK PSA Business Meeting

Rothwell Hall, Room 321

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM: Break for Moving to

Lake Point Conference Center

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Reception

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Dinner

8:00 PM – 9:00 PM:



Guest Speaker
Dr. Michael Malbin
SUNY - Albany