

# **The Arkansas Political Science Association**

## **Annual Meeting Conference Program**

February 26-27, 2016

School of Forestry and Natural Resources  
Conference Center

University of Arkansas - Monticello  
Monticello, AR



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# Friday, February 26, 2016

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## **Executive Committee Luncheon (11:30-12:45 p.m.)**

Location: Tiny Thai Place  
1039 US-278 W., Monticello, Arkansas 71655  
Telephone: 870-367-4296  
Website Address: [www.tinythaiplace.com](http://www.tinythaiplace.com)

## **Registration (12:00-4:00 p.m.)**

Location: School of Forestry & Natural Resources Conference Center  
Lobby (Look for directional signs on the first floor)

## **Session 1 (1:15-2:45)**

### **Roundtable on 'The 2016 Elections in Arkansas'**

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A101**

*Chair:* Andrew Dowdle, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, ([adowdle@uark.edu](mailto:adowdle@uark.edu))

Jay Barth, Hendrix College, ([barth@hendrix.edu](mailto:barth@hendrix.edu))

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### **Public Policy and Public Administration Panel**

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A102**

*Chair/ Discussant:* Brendan Toner, Arkansas Tech University, ([btoner@atu.edu](mailto:btoner@atu.edu))

Chris Harris, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, ([cdh009@uark.edu](mailto:cdh009@uark.edu)), "Examining the Dimensions of Congressional Oversight Responsibility: Election Years, Partisan Politics and Congressional Inaction."

Tucker Staley, University of Central Arkansas, ([tstaley@uca.edu](mailto:tstaley@uca.edu)), "The Impact of Revenue Volatility on State-Level Fiscal Shock during the Great Recession."

John Sutherlin, University of Louisiana at Monroe, ([sutherlin@ulm.edu](mailto:sutherlin@ulm.edu)), "The Last Reconstruction Ghost: Analysis of the Mining Law of 1872."

Michael Yoder, University of Central Arkansas, ([myoder@uca.edu](mailto:myoder@uca.edu)), "Binational Planning of Cargo Transport Infrastructure: The Case of El Paso and Ciudad Juárez."

**Undergraduate Panel: Public Policy and the Criminal Justice and American Legal Systems**  
**Location: SFNR Conference Center, B207**

*Chair/Discussant:* Jennifer Miller, University of Arkansas at Monticello,  
(millerj@uamont.edu)

Christopher Woodward, Hendrix College, ([woodwardct@hendrix.edu](mailto:woodwardct@hendrix.edu)), “Rehabilitation and Recidivism: an Arkansas Case Study”

Caylin Craig, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, ([ccraig@email.uark.edu](mailto:ccraig@email.uark.edu)), “Investing in an Imprisoned America: Private Prison Corporations PACs’ Campaign Contributions in U.S. House and Senate Races”

Meredith Herring, University of Central Arkansas, ([mherring4@cub.uca.edu](mailto:mherring4@cub.uca.edu)), “Understanding the Legal History Leading up to the Landmark Decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* (2015)”

James Owens, Hendrix College, ([owensjg@hendrix.edu](mailto:owensjg@hendrix.edu)) “Assessing Access after the Affordable Care Act: Mental Health Care in the United States.”

## **Session 2 (3:00-4:30)**

**Roundtable: Arkansas Pioneer, Professor Henry Alexander**  
**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A101**

*Moderator:* Kay Goss, Chair, J.W. Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences Committee,  
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, ([kcgoss@outlook.com](mailto:kcgoss@outlook.com))

**International Relations/Comparative Politics Panel**  
**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A102**

*Chair/Discussant:* Margaret Scranton, University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
([mescranton@ualr.edu](mailto:mescranton@ualr.edu))

Kevin Brennan, Ouachita Baptist University, ([brennank@obu.edu](mailto:brennank@obu.edu)), “Realism, Idealism and American Foreign Policy: A Theoretical Foundation.”

Mark Mullenbach, University of Central Arkansas ([markm@uca.edu](mailto:markm@uca.edu)) and Mark Elrod, University of Central Arkansas ([melrod@uca.edu](mailto:melrod@uca.edu)), “Hawks or Doves?: A Preliminary Analysis of College Student Attitudes Regarding U.S. Foreign Policy.”

Matthew Evans, Northwest Arkansas Community College, ([mevans8@nwacc.edu](mailto:mevans8@nwacc.edu)), “Making the Petty Important: Israeli Soldiers and Petty Sovereigns.”

Chris Housenick, Arkansas Tech University, ([chousenick@atu.edu](mailto:chousenick@atu.edu)), “The Spread of the Islamic State, the ‘Gracie Invasion’ and the Push Versus Pull Globalization.’”

**Undergraduate Research: Public Policy**  
**Location: SFNR Conference Center, B207**

*Chair/Discussant:* Tucker Staley, University of Central Arkansas, ([tstaley@uca.edu](mailto:tstaley@uca.edu))

Rachel Alexander ([rachel.alexander@lyon.edu](mailto:rachel.alexander@lyon.edu)) and Morgan Weir ([morgan.weir@lyon.edu](mailto:morgan.weir@lyon.edu)), Lyon College, “The Influence of National News on Local Campaign Messages.”

Devyn Young ([devyn.young@lyon.edu](mailto:devyn.young@lyon.edu)) and Kullins Koelling ([kullins.koelling@lyon.edu](mailto:kullins.koelling@lyon.edu)), Lyon College, “The Short-Term Effects of Economic Evaluations on the Political Ideology.”

Rowan Bond, Hendrix College, ([bondrm@hendrix.edu](mailto:bondrm@hendrix.edu)), “Film Fictionality and Public Perceptions: How True Does it Have to be to Change Our Minds?”

Robert Taylor, Hendrix College, ([taylorRW@hendrix.edu](mailto:taylorRW@hendrix.edu)), “Policy Preserving the Past: A Look at the Effect of Arkansas’ Commercial Individual Project Cap for Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits.”

**Meet the Author:**

*Book: The Idea of Good Governance and the Politics of Global South: An Analysis of its Effects*

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, B206**

*Author:* Haroon Kahn, Henderson State University, ([khanh@hsu.edu](mailto:khanh@hsu.edu))

*Critic:* Brendan Toner, Arkansas Tech University, ([btoner@atu.edu](mailto:btoner@atu.edu))

**Reception and Dinner (5:30-7:30 p.m.)**

**Location:** UAM Student Center, Capitol Room

*Appetizers*

*Sponsored by* the School of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Arkansas at Monticello

**Welcome (6:00)**

*Welcome:* Dr. Carol Strong, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Arkansas at Monticello and the 2016 Arkansas Political Science Association Conference Chair

*And -* Mr. Zack Tucker, Mayor of Monticello

*Presentation:* Certificate of Recognition of Service to UAM and Resolution of Commendation from the Arkansas Political Science Association to the late Dr. Charles Dunn.

**Dinner (6:30)**

*Keynote Speaker:* Christopher A. Masingill, Federal Co-Chairman, Delta Regional Authority

**Post-Dinner Gathering off the Old Town Square**

Location: Two Brothers Restaurant, 200 North Main Street, Monticello Arkansas

Website: [www.twobrothersrestaurant.net](http://www.twobrothersrestaurant.net)

# Saturday, February 27, 2016

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## **Breakfast Business Meeting (7:15-8:15 a.m.)**

Location: UAM Student Center, Capitol Room

## **Registration (8:15-10:15 a.m.)**

Location: School of Forestry & Natural Resources Conference Center Lobby

## **Session 3 (8:30-10:00)**

### **Roundtable: What is Political Theory in the Twenty-First Century?**

A reflection on 'What is Political Theory,' edited by Stephen K. White and Donald Moon (Sage).

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A101**

*Moderator:* Matt Evans, Northwest Arkansas Community College, ([mevans@nwacc.edu](mailto:mevans@nwacc.edu))

Clay Arnold, University of Central Arkansas, ([carnold@uca.edu](mailto:carnold@uca.edu))

Mary Beth Sullivan, University of Central Arkansas, ([marys@uca.edu](mailto:marys@uca.edu))

Mike Rogers, Arkansas Tech University, ([mrogers6@atu.edu](mailto:mrogers6@atu.edu))

### **American Politics Panel**

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A102**

*Chair:* Heather Yates, University of Central Arkansas, ([hyates@uca.edu](mailto:hyates@uca.edu))

*Discussant:* Margaret Scranton, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, ([mescranton@ualr.edu](mailto:mescranton@ualr.edu))

Heather Yates, University of Central Arkansas, ([hyates@uca.edu](mailto:hyates@uca.edu)), "The Emotional Voter: The Role Emotions Have on Voting Behavior."

Gizachew Tiruneh, University of Central Arkansas, ([gtiruneh@uca.edu](mailto:gtiruneh@uca.edu)), Tyrone P. Dooley, University of Illinois – Springfield and Joe Howard, University of Central Arkansas ([jhoward@uca.edu](mailto:jhoward@uca.edu)), "What Determines the Political Orientations of College Students?: A Comparative Study of Two Universities."

John Davis, University of Arkansas at Monticello, ([davisjc@uamont.edu](mailto:davisjc@uamont.edu)), "Campaign Inc.: Data from a Field Survey of State Party Organizations."

Margaret Scranton, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, ([mescranton@ualr.edu](mailto:mescranton@ualr.edu)), "First Lady as Presidential Envoy: Rosalynn Carter's Trip to Latin America."

**Undergraduate Research: Public Policy**  
**Location: SFNR Conference Center, B207**

*Chair/Discussant:* Mike Yawn, Sam Houston State University, ([mike.yawn@shsu.edu](mailto:mike.yawn@shsu.edu))

Shannon Abbott, Hendrix College, ([abbottsn@hendrix.edu](mailto:abbottsn@hendrix.edu)), “Cyber Security: The United States, China and What it Means to be Effective in Cyberspace.”

Nicolaas Harrington, Hendrix College, ([haaringtonnd@hendrix.edu](mailto:haaringtonnd@hendrix.edu)), “21<sup>st</sup> Century Multilateral Security: A Study in Failure.”

William O’Brochta, Hendrix College, ([obrochtawj@hendrix.edu](mailto:obrochtawj@hendrix.edu)), “Rational Decision-Making Models of Outcomes in the 1992-1995 Bosnian War.”

Sarah Phillips, University of Arkansas at Monticello, ([sbp07120@uamont.edu](mailto:sbp07120@uamont.edu)), “The People vs. The State: A Comparative Analysis of Power Relations in the Development of Spanish Democracy.”

Megan Chapa, Sam Houston State University, ([mmc035@shsu.edu](mailto:mmc035@shsu.edu)), “Maquiladoras, NAFTA and their Consequences.”

## **Session 4 (10:15-11:45)**

### **Roundtable on ‘What to Do with ISIS?’**

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A101**

*Chair:* Bill Topich, Pulaski Academy, ([bill.topich@pulaskiacademy.org](mailto:bill.topich@pulaskiacademy.org))

Eric Wiegelhaus-Brahm, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, ([ejwielhaus@ualr.edu](mailto:ejwielhaus@ualr.edu))

Najib Ghabbian, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, ([ghadbian@uark.edu](mailto:ghadbian@uark.edu))

Mark Elrod, University of Central Arkansas, ([melrod@uca.edu](mailto:melrod@uca.edu))

Chris Wright, Austin Peay State University, ([chris.wright@apsu.edu](mailto:chris.wright@apsu.edu))

### **Arkansas Politics and Government Panel**

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, A101**

*Chair:* Paul Crutcher, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, ([pacrutcher@ualr.edu](mailto:pacrutcher@ualr.edu))

*Discussants:* Matthew Gross, Henderson State University, ([grossm@hsu.edu](mailto:grossm@hsu.edu))

Gregory Shufeldt, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, ([gdshufeldt@uark.edu](mailto:gdshufeldt@uark.edu))

Matthew Gross, Henderson State University, ([grossm@hsu.edu](mailto:grossm@hsu.edu)), “Institutional Change in American Legislatures.”

Paul A. Crutcher, University of Arkansas at Little Rock ([pacrutcher@ualr.edu](mailto:pacrutcher@ualr.edu)) and Gregory Shufeldt, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, ([gdshufeldt@ualr.edu](mailto:gdshufeldt@ualr.edu)), “The ‘Native’ Citizen: Political Attitudes, Outcomes and State Pride.”

Mark Nabors, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, ([mnabors@email.uark.edu](mailto:mnabors@email.uark.edu)), “Most Other People and Me: A Case Study of Opinions about Same-Sex Marriage among United Methodist Parishioners in Washington County, Arkansas.”

Mike Yawn, Sam Houston State University, ([mike.yawn@shsu.edu](mailto:mike.yawn@shsu.edu)), “Social Media Use by County Governments in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.”

Ashley Lawrence, University of Louisiana at Monroe ([lawrenad@warhawks.ulm.edu](mailto:lawrenad@warhawks.ulm.edu)), “It Takes a Village: Community Sustainability and the Effects of Hidden Rules.”

### **Undergraduate Research: American Politics**

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, B207**

*Chair/Discussant:* Karen Sebold, University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, ([ksebold@uark.edu](mailto:ksebold@uark.edu))

Tyler Harrison, University of Arkansas at Monticello, ([jth06977@uamont.edu](mailto:jth06977@uamont.edu)) “All Tea, All Shade: How the Tea Party Effects the American Political Process.”

Robert Fletcher, University of Arkansas at Monticello, ([rlf5318@uamont.edu](mailto:rlf5318@uamont.edu)), “Cycling through New Urbanism: Pedestrian-Oriented Opportunities & Innovations in Southeast Arkansas.”

Jolyon Larson, Hendrix College, ([larsonjg@hendrix.edu](mailto:larsonjg@hendrix.edu)), “The Road to the ‘Final Rule’ on Carbon Emissions: Regulatory Approaches that Will Help the South Comply with the Clean Power Plan.”

### **Meet the Author Panel**

**Book: *Civic Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Multidimensional Inquiry***

**Location: SFNR Conference Center, B206**

#### *Authors:*

Don Gooch, Stephen F. Austin State University, ([goochdm@sfasu.edu](mailto:goochdm@sfasu.edu))

Brendan Toner, Arkansas Tech University, ([btoner@atu.edu](mailto:btoner@atu.edu))

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### **Luncheon (12:00-1:30 p.m.)**

**Location: UAM Student Center, Capitol Room**

Guest Speaker: John Kyle Day, Associate Professor of History at the University of Arkansas at Monticello

Dr. Day will be discussing his recent acclaimed book:

*The Southern Manifesto: Massive Resistance and the Fight to Preserve Segregation*  
(Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 2014).



# Featured Speakers

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## Federal Co-Chairman of the Delta Regional Authority, Christopher A. Masingill

Christopher A. Masingill was appointed by President Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2010 to serve as the Federal Co-Chairman of the Delta Regional Authority. In his five years with the Delta Regional Authority, Masingill has made it his hallmark to develop strategic connections between the public and private sectors to achieve economic and community development results on the local, state, and national levels. Prior to leading the Delta Regional Authority, Masingill served the state of Arkansas as Governor Mike Beebe's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and during that time was the Arkansas Recovery Implementation Director for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, coordinating the implementation of \$3 billion of investment into 48 programs across 13 state agencies. Chairman Masingill believes in the natural, economic, and human assets of Delta communities and thus the opportunities they create for the region. While at the Delta Regional Authority, he has placed a strong emphasis on supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs as well as investing in workforce development and training efforts, recognizing these efforts as the greatest opportunities for the Delta region's economy. In his five years with the Delta Regional Authority, he has worked with the governors of the eight Delta states to leverage \$44 million in DRA investments into nearly \$1 billion in private and other public sector investment in Delta communities. Overall, DRA investments are helping to create and retain 42,000 jobs and train 13,000 workers. To further these investments under Masingill's leadership, the DRA launched the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Initiative to focus investments into organizations and programs that support the cultivation of innovation and job creation that come from our small businesses and entrepreneurs. In 2014, the DRA launched the Reimagining the Delta Workforce initiative which organized eight state summits and invested \$1.7 million into communities to address the challenges of preparing a skilled workforce in Delta communities and to connect local leadership in government, education, and business/industry for realistic, productive solutions. For his leadership in advancing economic development initiatives in the Delta region, Chairman Masingill was awarded the 2015 Federal Leadership in Economic Development Programs Award by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). Chris and his wife, Melissa, have two daughters, Mia and Ava, and live in Little Rock.



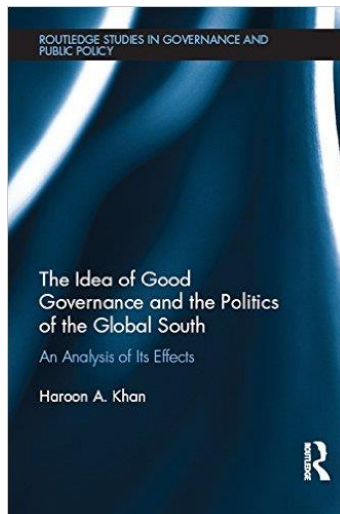
## Associate Professor John Kyle Day

John Kyle Day is Associate Professor of History at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. He received his B.A. and M.A. in History and Political Science at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and a Ph.D. in modern American History at the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he studied under the eminent Political Economist Robert Collins. He was a 2011 fellow of the W.E.B. DuBois Center for the study of Afro and African American History at Harvard University, a past President of the Arkansas Association of College History Teachers, a national

councilor of Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, and now serves on the boards of trustees of both the Governor Winthrop Rockefeller Distinguished Lectures Committee and the Arkansas Historical Association. For 2015-2016, Day is the chair of the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Humanities Council. His articles have appeared in both scholarly journals and anthologies.

## Featured Books

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Published By: Routledge, New York, 2016

### **Author:**

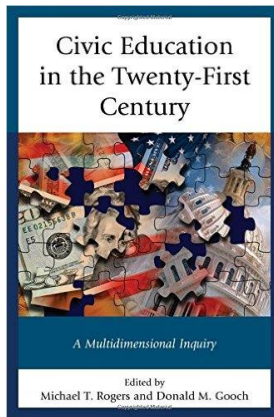
Haroon Kahn, Henderson State University, ([goochdm@sfasu.edu](mailto:goochdm@sfasu.edu))

One of the major objectives of good governance is human development. Many worry that without good governance, many developing countries may become failed states. Using one of the worst industrial disasters in Bangladesh to date, Haroon A. Khan helps further our understanding of the importance of bureaucratic capacity for achieving good governance and offers a new paradigm for a merit system to improve governance. In doing so, he introduces the reader to the concept of good governance and its importance by investigating its relationship with failed states, globalization, bureaucratic effectiveness, and human development. *The Idea of Good Governance and the Politics of the Global South* will be useful for the students interested in political science, public administration and international relations.

### Reviews

**"Haroon Khan provides a comprehensive and thoroughly researched account of the conceptual framework and implications of good governance in developing societies. This is an useful reference book for students of global politics and development studies."**—Subho Basu, McGill University, Canada

**"Haroon Khan convincingly demonstrates how issues of good and bad governance are essential for social and economic development in the Global South. In particular, he shows how lack of good governance may undermine stable social relationships and inhibit economic investments and economic growth in poor countries. I will definitely recommend this book for my students of politics and public administration in developing countries."**—Steinar Askvik, University of Bergen, Norway



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Michael Rogers, Arkansas Tech University, ([mrogers6@atu.edu](mailto:mrogers6@atu.edu))

Imagine an America where politicians, governmental institutions, schools, new technologies, and interest groups work together to promote informed, engaged citizens. *Civic Education in the Twenty-First Century* brings together scholars from various disciplines to show how such a United States is possible today. Inspired by Alexis de Tocqueville's analysis of American democracy in the early 1800s, this edited volume represents a multidimensional evaluation of civic education in its new and varied forms. While some lament a civics crisis in America today, *Civic Education in the Twenty-First Century* raises hope that we can have an informed and active citizenry. We find the activities of a number of politicians, government institutions, schools and interest groups as promising developments in the struggle to educate and engage Americans in their democracy. New technologies and new innovations in civic education have laid the foundation for a revitalized American civic ecology. With *Civic Education in the Twenty-First Century*, we call for the United States to make these practices less isolated and more common throughout the country.

The volume is broken into three major sections. First there are four chapters exploring the history and philosophical debates about civic education, particularly with respect to its role in America's educational institutions. Then, the second section provides seven groundbreaking inquiries into how politicians and political institutions can promote civic education and engagement through their routine operations. As some examples, this section explores how politicians through campaigns and judiciaries through community programs enhance civic knowledge and encourage civic engagement. This section also explores how new technologies like the Internet and social media are increasingly used by government institutions and other entities to encourage a more politically informed and engaged citizenry. Finally, the third section contains six chapters that explore programs and practices in higher education that are enhancing civic education, engagement and our knowledge of them. From the virtual civics campus of Fort Hayes State to citizens' academies throughout the country, this section shows the possibilities for schools today to once again be civics actors and promoters.

## Review

**At a time of weakening civic institutions and heightened political polarization, civic education is of singular importance. And yet it too rarely receives the attention it deserves, by both researchers and members of the policy community. This book is a huge step forward in bringing together state-of-the-art research into civic education, broadly construed. For those who are already interested in civic education, you will find much that is new here. But I hope those who have not thought much about the subject will also read this book, and that it will inspire still more scholars and policymakers to take civics seriously. (David E. Campbell, University of Notre Dame)**