Friday, May 19

7:00-8:30 Breakfast at hotel

8:30 Busses to Campus

8:45 Registration – Matador Room

9:00 Opening remarks – Matador Room

9:30-11:00 Panels 1 & 2

1. Campaigns and Elections – Soapsuds Room

   Chair & Discussant, Tom Carsey, Florida State University

   From Makeup Artists and Costume Designers to Center Stage and Back: The Effects of Legislative Professionalization on State Electoral Politics
   Andrew D. Green, Central College
   Gary L. Goodman, University of California, Riverside

   Roadblocks to Representation? Candidate Sexual Orientation as a Factor in State Legislative Elections
   Donald P. Haider-Markel, University of Kansas

   Mobilizing voters in State Supreme Court Elections: Competition and Other Contextual Forces as Democratic Incentives
   Melinda Gann Hall, Michigan State University

   The Effects of Ballot Initiatives on State Fiscal Outcomes
   Michael J. New, University of Alabama

2. Education Politics & Policy -- Mesa Room

   Chair & Discussant, Brian Gerber, West Virginia University

   Teaching Evolution: State Institutions, Public Opinion, and Science Curriculums
   Michael Berkman, Pennsylvania State University
   Eric Plutzer, Pennsylvania State University
   Nicholas Stark, Pennsylvania State University

   Laboratories of Learning? Educational Innovation in the States
   Mark Carl Rom, Georgetown University

   Governors as Policy Makers: Gubernatorial Attention to Preschool Policy and Change in State Investment
   Elizabeth Rigby, University of Wisconsin-Madison
11:00-12:00  Poster Session – Playa Room
(Refreshments will be available in the Playa Room during the Poster Session)

Discussants: Margaret Ferguson, Indiana University-Indianapolis
Richard Winters, Dartmouth College

Contagious Innovation: Incremental and Non-Incremental Patterns of Policy Diffusion in the American States
Graeme Boushey, University of Washington

Can Primary Divisiveness Enhance Chances of Winning the General Election?
Jangsup Choi, Texas Tech University

Determinants of State Judicial Competitiveness: Evidence from Primary Elections
Eric A. Booth, Texas Tech University

Chamber Size, Representation, and the Level of State Legislative Professionalization
Brian DiSarro, University of Iowa

Institutional and Environmental Determinants of Legislative Success: Understanding Minority Party Influence in Legislatures
Jennifer Hayes Clark, Indiana University-Bloomington

Promoting Wind Energy: Evaluating the Effects of State Renewable Energy Incentives
James W. Stoutenborough, University of Kansas

Regulatory Choices: Analyzing State Environmental Policy Design
Chris Koski, University of Washington

Rhetorical Complexity and Semantics in State Ballot Initiative Arguments
Chad Murphy, University of California-Riverside

12:00-1:30  Lunch – Matador Room

1:30-3:00  Panels 3 & 4

3. Gender Politics – Soapsuds Room

Chair & Discussant, Kathleen Bratton, Louisiana State University

The Institutional Incentives for the Emergence of Women Candidates in State Legislative Primaries
Nathan Keith Mitchell, Texas Tech University

Explaining State-level Variation in the Gender Gap in the 2004 Election
Steven Greene, North Carolina State University
Laurel Elder, Hartwick College
Kyle L. Saunders, Colorado State University

The Impact of Women State Legislators on Women’s Health Policies
Pamela J. Walsh, Eastern Michigan University

The Impact of Multi-Member Districts on Descriptive Representation in U.S. State Legislatures, 1975-2002
Lilliard Richardson, University of Missouri-Columbia
Christopher Cooper, Western Carolina University
4. Local and Intergovernmental Influences on Policy -- Mesa Room
Chair & Discussant, Brian Collins, Texas Tech University

*Not In My District: The Placement of FEMA Trailer Parks*
Belinda Creel Davis, Louisiana State University
Valentina Bali, Michigan State University

*The Political Economy of Trophy Industrial Recruitment Projects*
Robert C. Turner, Skidmore College

*Levine’s Legacy: Comparing State Administrator Strategies to Treat Fiscal Stress in 1984 and 2004*
Cynthia J. Bowling, Auburn University
Brendan Burke, Bridgewater State College

*Channels of Access, Frames for Persuasion: The Influence of Tribal Governments in State Politics*
Laura Evans, University of Washington

3:00-4:30 Panels 5 & 6

5. Legislative Leadership – Soapsuds Room
Chair & Discussant, Donley Studlar, West Virginia University

When the Seniority Ladder Collapses: The Determinants of Leadership in Term Limited State Legislatures
Kerry L. Haynie, Duke University

*State Legislative Leaders: External Roles and Perceptions of Leadership Success*
Victoria Farrar-Myers, University of Texas at Arlington
Jill Clark, University of Texas at Arlington
Thomas H. Little, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

*Public Approval of State Legislatures From 1980 to 2000*
John A. Hamman, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

*Where You Sit is Where You Stand: Measuring the Impact of Seating Proximity on Legislative Voting*
Seth Masket, University of Denver

6. Politics & Valence Issues -- Mesa Room
Chair & Discussant, Colleen M Barry-Goodman, University of Houston

*Constitutionally Defining Marriage in a Non-Presidential Election Year: A Study of the Vote in Two States*
John David Rausch, Jr., West Texas A&M University

*State-Level Predictors of Divorce-Related Public Policy*
Emily M. Douglas, University of New Hampshire

*Revisiting the Politics of Punishment: Partisan Strength vs. Majority Control*
Christopher W. Larimer, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Eric A. Whitaker, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Mitchel N. Herian, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

*All the Difference in the World? Religious Conservative Activists and Their Perceptions of State Politics*
4:30  Bus to Hotel

6:45  Bus to Buddy Holly Center

7:00-8:30  Dinner
   Catering: Bigham’s Barbeque
   Music: Hotfoot Toby
   The Buddy Holly Center-Museum has been rented from 7:00-10:00 p.m. for the exclusive use of conference participants. Dinner will be in the Center courtyard. No food or drinks are allowed inside.

8:45  Bus to Hotel
   The first bus for returning to the conference hotel will leave at approximately 8:45 p.m. For participants who wish to stay and enjoy the Depot Entertainment District, busses will also leave the Buddy Holly Center for the Hotel at 9:30, 10:15, 11:00 and 11:45 p.m.

11:45  Last bus to hotel

Saturday, May 20

7:00-8:30  Breakfast at hotel

8:30  Busses to Campus

8:45  Arrive on Campus

9:00-10:30  Panel 7

7. Legislative Members – Soapsuds Room
   Chair & Discussant, Michael Berkman, Penn State University

   Politics and the Press Corps: Reporters, State Legislative Institutions, and Context
      Christopher A. Cooper, Western Carolina University
      Martin Johnson, University of California, Riverside

   Participation in State Legislatures: Factors Affecting Bill Introductions by State Legislators
      Robert E. Hogan, Louisiana State University
      Mileah Kay Kromer, Louisiana State University
      Rhonda L. Wrzenski, Louisiana State University

   Inliers and Outliers in State Legislatures
      James Coleman Battista, University of North Texas

   Full-Time, Part-Time, and Real Time: Explaining State Legislators’ Perceptions of Time on the Job
      Gary Moncrief, Boise State University
      Richard Niemi, University of Rochester
      Lynda W. Powell, University of Rochester
      Karl T. Kurtz, National Conference of State Legislatures
10:30-12:00 Panels 8 & 9

8. Governors – Soapsuds Room

Chair & Discussant, Jeff Karp, Texas Tech University
Susan Banducci, Texas Tech University

**Southern Fried Governors: Republican Governors in the South, 1950-2004**
A.J. Barghothi, University of South Carolina
Elisha Carol Savchak, University of South Carolina
Ann O’M. Bowman, University of South Carolina

**Altering Perceptions: State Economic Performance and Gubernatorial Agendas**
Daniel J. Coffey, University of Akron

**Executive Orders in the American States**
Cynthia J. Bowling, Auburn University
Margaret R. Ferguson, Indiana University at Indianapolis
Colleen Clemons, Auburn University

Misplaced Rewards and Unfair Punishments: The Linkages between National and State-Level Approval Ratings
Nancy Martorano, University of Dayton
Kellie Sims Butler, Pennsylvania State University
Stacy Ulbig, Missouri State University

9. Institutions, implementation, effectiveness -- Mesa Room

Chair & Discussant, David Lanoue, University of Alabama

**Pollution Geography and Politics: State Variation in Toxic Chemical Emission Reductions**
Mark Stephan, Washington State University-Vancouver
Troy D. Abel, Western Washington University
Michael E. Kraft, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

**Citizen Influences on State Policy Priorities: The Interplay of Public Opinion and Interest Groups**
Saundra K. Schneider, Michigan State University
William G. Jacoby, Michigan State University

**Ideas, Institutions and Diffusion: What Explains Tobacco Control Policy in Australia, Canada, and New Zealand?**
Donley T. Studlar, West Virginia University

**Moving Beyond the Passive to Active Representative Bureaucracy Transformation: Defining and Assessing the Concept of Delegated Representation**
Brian K. Collins, Texas Tech University
Brian J. Gerber, West Virginia University

12:00- 1:00 Lunch – Matador Room

Noon Saturday begins a bus shuttle from the conference to the airport for those with early flights. Busses will depart the conference site for the airport at:
noon, 1:00 p.m., 1:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
1:00-2:30  **Concluding Roundtable – Matador Room**
Cherie Maestas, Florida State University, Moderator
Thomas M. Carsey, Florida State University
Chris Mooney, University of Illinois, Springfield
Saundra Schneider, Michigan State University
Ronald E. Weber, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Gerald C. Wright, Indiana University

2:30 p.m.  **Busses depart conference for return to hotel.**

**Research Papers from the Conference on Legislative Redistricting:**

- **The Limits of the Gerrymander: Examining the Impact of Redistricting on Electoral Competition and Legislative Polarization**
  Seth Masket, University of Denver
  Jon Winburn, Western Kentucky University
  Gerald C. Wright, Indiana University

- **Public Attitudes Towards Redistricting in Texas**
  Craig Goodman, Texas Tech University

**Conference Organizers:**

- Nelson Dometrius, Texas Tech University
- Brian Gerber, West Virginia University
- Cherie Maestas, Florida State University

**Texas Tech Graduate Students Assisting With the Conference:**

- David Archer, Texas Tech University
- Denese Brewer, Texas Tech University
- Melanie Castleberg, Texas Tech University
- Ozen Eren, Texas Tech University
- Marshall Garland, Texas Tech University
- Sirivalya Kachathan, Texas Tech University
- Yong-Hee Park, Texas Tech University
- Joe Robbins, Texas Tech University
- David Smith, Texas Tech University
- Diane Verrill, Texas Tech University
- Tiffiny Vincent, Texas Tech University
- David Watson, Texas Tech University
- Jaclyn Woolf, Texas Tech University

**Other Participants:**

- Harry Basehart, Salisbury University
- Lewis Earl, Post, Texas
- Jennice Fishburn
- Craig Goodman, Texas Tech University
- David Goodman, Rice University
- Stefan D. Haag, Austin Community College
- Mia Hall, Texas Tech University
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- Mary Rausch, West Texas A&M University
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