

PROGRAM
2006 STATE POLITICS AND POLICY CONFERENCE

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](#)

Kimberly H. Conger, Iowa State University

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
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 Joe Robbins, Texas Tech University
 David Smith, Texas Tech University
 Diane Verrill, Texas Tech University
 Tiffany 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
 Jeremy Serna, University of Texas, Arlington
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