

**2026 ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 23-25
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON
BURLINGTON, VERMONT
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

run date: March 9, 2026

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NEPSA 2026 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

REGISTRATION	5:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Presidential Foyer
WELCOME EVENT	5:30 PM to 7:00 PM	Lake Champlain Chocolates *
BOARD MEETING / DINNER	8:00 PM to 10:00 PM	room TBD
A/V PROJECTOR DEMO	10:00 PM to 10:15 PM	room TBD **

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

REGISTRATION	7:30 AM to 5:00 PM	Diamond Ballroom Foyer
BOOK EXHIBITS	7:30 AM to 5:00 PM	Diamond Ballroom Foyer
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	7:30 AM to 8:30 AM	Diamond Ballroom Foyer
SESSION ONE PANELS	8:30 AM to 10:00 AM	various
MORNING BREAK	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Diamond Ballroom Foyer
SESSION TWO PANELS	10:15 AM to 11:45 AM	various
LUNCHEON	12:00 PM to 1:45 PM	Exhibition Hall
SESSION THREE PANELS	2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	various
AFTERNOON BREAK	3:30 PM to 4:30 PM	Diamond Ballroom Foyer
SESSION FOUR PANELS	3:45 PM to 5:15 PM	various
COCKTAIL RECEPTION	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Atrium

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

REGISTRATION	7:30 AM to 3:45 PM	Diamond Ballroom Foyer
BOOK EXHIBITS	7:30 AM to 5:00 PM	Diamond Ballroom Foyer
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	7:30 AM to 8:30 AM	Diamond Ballroom Foyer
SESSION FIVE PANELS	8:30 AM to 10:00 AM	various
MORNING BREAK	10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Diamond Ballroom Foyer
SESSION SIX PANELS	10:15 AM to 11:45 AM	various
LUNCHEON	12:00 PM to 1:45 PM	Exhibition Hall
SESSION SEVEN PANELS	2:00 PM to 3:30 PM	various
AFTERNOON BREAK	3:30 PM to 4:30 PM	Diamond Ballroom Foyer
SESSION EIGHT PANELS	3:45 PM to 5:15 PM	various

* The welcome event for the 2026 Annual Meeting is a private guided chocolate tasting, at Lake Champlain Chocolates' flagship store, 750 Pine Street. Tickets are available on the NEPSA website.

** The projector demo is an optional session for anyone who wants to get a preview of how to hook up a laptop to the NEPSA projectors. This is an especially useful session for panel chairs with presenters planning on using PowerPoint, but anyone can attend. If you wish to attend, please go to the Diamond Ballroom Foyer to be directed to the breakout room where the demo will take place.

PANELS NEEDING CHAIRS AND/OR DISCUSSANTS

DAY/TIME	PANEL	SECTION	NEED CHAIR?	NEED DISC?
Fri. 8:30	1F: Conflicts for the Ages	THEORY	YES	YES
Fri. 8:30	1G: Politics on My Mind	THEORY	NO	YES
Fri. 10:15	2E: Politics on the Edge	THEORY	YES	YES
Fri. 2:00	3H: Reflections on Canadian Political Leadership & Diplomacy	COMPARATIVE	YES	YES
Fri. 3:45	4E: International Law, Justice, and Human Rights	IR	YES	NO
Fri. 3:45	4G: Canada-U.S. Trade & Trade Barriers in a Turbulent Time	COMPARATIVE	YES	YES
Sat. 8:30	5A: The Crossroads of Instability, Authoritarianism, & Trust	COMPARATIVE	NO	YES
Sat. 10:15	6E: Economics, Elections, & Revolutions Revisited	COMPARATIVE	YES	YES
Sat. 10:15	6F: Democratic Habits	THEORY	NO	YES
Sat. 10:15	6H: Liberal Edges	THEORY	NO	YES
Sat. 2:00	7I: Moments in America	THEORY	YES	YES
Sat. 3:45	8A: Movements/Mobilization/Crises/ Representation	COMPARATIVE	YES	YES

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LUNCHEON PROGRAMMING

Friday, April 24



GARRETT GRAFF

Bestselling historian and Pulitzer Prize finalist
Author, The Devil Reached Toward the Sky: An Oral History of the Making and Unleashing of the Atomic Bomb



Saturday, April 25

The Honorable

MYRNA PÉREZ

**United States Circuit Court Judge,
Second Circuit Court of Appeals**

Tickets for the luncheons may be purchased with conference registration, or they may be purchased separately at <https://www.newenglandpsa.org/2026extraluncheons>.

THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

1-A (EMERALD1): US Foreign Policy

sponsored by the American Politics section

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Patrick Homan, Dominican University

Biden, Congress, and the Battle Over Supporting Ukraine

Joseph Peschek, Hamline University, jpeschek@hamline.edu

Trump 2.0: Is There a Trump Doctrine in Foreign Policy?

Shyam Sriram, Canisius University, srirams@canisius.edu

"White Light/ White Heat: South African Immigrants Assess the Arrival of Afrikaner Refugees"

Samantha Taylor, Johns Hopkins University, samanthaataylorphd@gmail.com

Post Cold War American Liberal Internationalism and US Policy Decision-Making

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1-B (EMERALD2): Small States, Shared Traditions: Governing and Participating in New England

sponsored by the Public Policy section

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Exploring Methods used to Engage Maine Residents in Municipal Public Meetings

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Capital Projects vs. Community Needs: Participation, Power, and Institutional Design in Rhode Island Capital Planning

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Stakeholder Perceptions of Climate Resilience Policy Instruments in Rhode Island

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Smallness, Dependence, and Flow: Rethinking Vermont

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1-C (EMERALD3): Judicial Selection and Identities

sponsored by the Public Law section

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Donald Trump's 2016 List of Supreme Court Nominees

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Bias and the Public's Assessment of Supreme Court Appointments

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Judicial Appointments in the Second Trump Administration: A Tentative First Look

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Gender, Race, and the Criminal Justice Priorities of State Chief Justices

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1-D (DIAMOND1): Alliances and International Regimes in Changing Global Contexts

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Economic Anxiety without Coalitions: Artificial Intelligence and Distributional Politics

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Alliance Cohesion as Deterrent Signaling: Evidence from U.S.–ROK Policy Alignment and North Korean Provocations

Delia McGrath, Quinnipiac University School of Law, drmcgrath@quinnipiac.edu

Lessening Litter in Low Earth Orbit: The International Laws Mitigating and Preventing Space Debris

Geraldine Santoso, University of Massachusetts Amherst, gsantoso@umass.edu

Securitizing Climate-Induced Migration: The Effects of National Security Framing on Public Support for Climate Policy and Refugee Protection

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1-E (DIAMOND2): United States Demographics

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The Conservative Countercurrent: Young Republican Women and the New Gender–Generational Divide

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Change and Stability in Older Voters Attitudes

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They Not Like Us? Veterans, Hostile Sexism, and Vote Choice in American Presidential Elections

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Is there a Gender Penalty in Evaluations of Aging Elected Officials? Evidence from a Survey Experiment

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1-F (KINGSLAND): Conflicts for the Ages

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Mythos for Medieval Martyrs: Politics of Martyrdom in The Consolation of Philosophy

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Citizens of the Divided City: Dante's Concept of Diachronic Citizenship as a Remedy for Factionalism

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The Demos Liberation Front: Class Warfare in Aristotle's Politics 4-7

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Montaigne's Discovery of Ancient Exotericism

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1-G (SHELBURNE): Politics on My Mind

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Therapeutic Claims, Political Effects: Neuroscience and CBT in Education Discourse

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Affective Reciprocal Vulnerability: A Sentimental Solution to Societal Precarity

Lorraine McCrary, Wabash College, mccraryl@wabash.edu

Fantastic Foundings: Imagining Cities of Ladies

Jeremiah Grove, University of Illinois, Chicago, jgrov5@uic.edu

Politics in the Social Media Age: The Dominance of Pseudo-Intimacy in Contemporary Politics

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2-A (EMERALD1): Political Communication and Media

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Filtering the Facts: Partisan Identity and Resistance to Misinformation

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Divided by Truth: Legislative Consequences of Presidential Signaling on Social Media

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The Ideological Composition of American Media Owners

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Encounters With Law Enforcement: Utilizing Review Text as a Measurement of Police Contact

Madison Witaconis, Simmons University, madd.witaconis@simmons.edu

Writing on the Wall: The Political & Linguistic Dimensions of Boston Graffiti

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2-B (EMERALD2): War and Security

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The Aftershock of Terror: A Theory of Ontological Insecurity in Ethnic Communities

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Imagining the Future of War: KM Panikkar's Strategic Thinking

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Celebrity as Security Actor: Taylor Swift and the Politics of Protection

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"Choosing to use nuclear weapons: How choice sets affect decisions in a nuclear crisis"

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2-C (EMERALD3): Comparative Law and Courts

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Pre-trial incarceration and the Chilean criminal justice reform

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Judicial Impacts of 'Operação Acolhida' (Operation Welcome): The role of Legal Decision-Making in Brazil in Humanitarian Actions

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Environmental Injustice and Anti-Crime Governance: Are Courts Ignoring Environmental Harm in Brazil's Favelas?

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Electing Judges: Perspectives from the Judiciary in Mexico

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2-D (DIAMOND1): How the State Makes Sense of Itself: Authority, Accountability, and Public Engagement

sponsored by the Public Policy section

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Retributive Enforcement and Uncooperative Federalism: Is ICE Targeting Sanctuary Jurisdictions?

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Beyond Body Counts: Organizational Effectiveness During Rapid Security Expansion

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Scaling Higher Education in Prison: The Emerson Prison Initiative Templates for Expanding Educational Equity

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Who Comments and What Narratives They Tell: Voice and Power in Immigrant Welfare Rulemaking

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2-E (DIAMOND2): Politics on the Edge

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Why the Concept of Political Risk Remains Theoretically Underdeveloped in Political Science?

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The Narrowing of America's Epistemic Frontier

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"ICE Removals and the Stability of Fascism: Lessons from Agamben, Deleuze, and Guattari"

Jeff Ryan, University of Arkansas, jeffr@uark.edu

The Justification of Political Violence: Continuity & Change

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2-F (KINGSLAND): ROUNDTABLE: Author Meets Readers: Neighborhoods Matter: How Place and People Affect Political Participation, by Carrie LeVan

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2-G (SHELBURNE): ROUNDTABLE: President Trump's Constitution

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2-H (VALCOUR): The Enduring Problem of Faction

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From Moral Indignation to Gentleness: Thrasymachus' Blush in Plato's Republic

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"Necessary to Good Government and the Happiness of Mankind": The Founders' Vision of Public Education as a Solution to Faction

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"Sensations of Horror and Disgust": Shakespeare's Coriolanus and the Problem of Faction

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The Weaponization of Faction: Machiavelli's Prince and the Strategic Uses of Political Division

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2-I (WILLSBORO): Capital, Labor, and Administration in American History

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The Origins of Financial Citizenship: Savings Banks, Thrift, and State-Building in Nineteenth-Century United States

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Institutional Foundation of the New Deal Insurance State

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Deconstructing the Regulatory State: Trump, Deregulation, and the Weaponization of Regulatory Intervention

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2-J (AMPHITHEATER): Undergraduate Panel – Comparative Control and Resistance
sponsored by the Undergraduate Research Committee

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Crisis of Rural Governance: A Comparative Analysis of Morocco and Senegal

Isabel Custodio, St. Edward's University, icustodi@stedwards.edu
BRICS Reactions to African Conflict and the New Major Power Clash

Brigid Hughes, Saint Anselm College, bhughes500@anselm.edu
NGO Strategies and Corporate Response in African Mining Sectors: A Comparative Study of NGO Reports on Cobalt in the DRC and Diamonds in Sierra Leone

Ashley Soto, University of Connecticut, ashley.soto@uconn.edu
More than Mask: How South Korea Leverages Private Industry to Cultivate Global power through Beauty and Culture

PANEL CHAIR: TBD
DISCUSSANT: TBD

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FEATURED PRESENTATION

GARRETT GRAFF
bestselling historian and Pulitzer Prize finalist

3-A (EMERALD1): Russian Foreign Policy: Between War, Energy, and Misinformation

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Russian Information War in the Baltic States

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Weaponizing Energy: States Use of Oil and Gas as Tools of Political Coercion

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The politics of portrayal: New York Times narratives of Eastern European countries during the Ukraine war

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Hungarian- Russian Relations: Hungarian Views

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3-B (EMERALD2): Virtues and Values

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Hospitality as a Movement and Practice in the Age of Global Populism

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On the Way to Virtue: A Comparison of the Pursuit of Virtue in Aristotle and Tsunetomo

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The Political Security Dilemma: A Framework of Favored Values and Forgotten Virtues in the American Political System.

Amishai Goodman-Goldstein, American University, agoodmangoldstein@gmail.com

The Decline of Civic Formation: Elite Higher Education as a Causal Driver of Polarization in 21st Century America

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3-C (EMERALD3): Arts, Education & Humanities

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Education for Ecological Citizenship: Aldo Leopold on Reading Land

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Advocating for the Arts in Congress

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Navigating the Politics of Scarcity: Early Findings From a Multi-Site Study of School Closure in the US

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Melissa Lyon, University at Albany, SUNY, mlyon@albany.edu
Hyesang Noh, University at Albany, SUNY, hnoh2@albany.edu
How Do Teacher Strikes Affect School Board Elections?

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3-D (DIAMOND1): Everything Old is New Again: Retrenchment, Strikes, and Labor Exploitation in American Politics

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The Effect of Localized Exposure to Inequality on Preferences for Redistribution: Evidence from a Large Hospital Strike

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When Do States Erode Protections? The Case of Contemporary Child Labor in the United States

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Danny Daneri, Syracuse University, drdaneri@syr.edu
Zachary Schaller, Colorado State University, Zachary.Schaller@colostate.edu
"Equalizing" Labor Law? Postwar Retrenchment and The Taft-Hartley Act

Kathleen Sullivan, Ohio University, sullivak@ohio.edu
Losing through Winning: Maritime Capital and Labor in WWI

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3-E (DIAMOND2): Government, Law and Technology

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International Environmental Space Law: Towards Sustainable Use of Low Earth Orbit

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Digital Damage Control: Cyberattacks and the Logic of Online Censorship

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Empire of Code: Palantir Technologies, Techno-Nationalism, and the Authoritarian Turn in U.S. Digital Governance

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3-F (KINGSLAND): ROUNDTABLE: Author Meets Readers: *Born Equal*, by Akhil Reed Amar

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3-G (SHELBURNE): Polling and Elections

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From Classroom to Polling Place: The Role of Poll Worker Experience in Civic Attitudes

Michael Kerr, University of Massachusetts School of Law - Dartmouth, mkerr1@umassd.edu

Cutting the Gordian Knot of Gerrymandering in the Shortest Straight Line

Katja Kleinberg, Binghamton University, SUNY, kkleinbe@binghamton.edu

U.S. Perceptions of Government Intervention in the Economy

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How State-Local Interest Groups Change the Rules of the Game: New Hampshire's SB2

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3-H (VALCOUR): Reflections on Canadian Political Leadership & Diplomacy

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Canadian Soft Power and Paradiplomacy

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Realist or liberal? Pierre Trudeau's time as Prime Minister

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John Ibbitson and the Reordering of Canadian Political Space

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3-I (WILLSBORO): Public Policy of, by, and for the Public Good: Designing Policy with People in Mind

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Crisis and the Hobbled Leviathan: Inviting Catastrophe

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Going Against the Flow: Anti-Fluoridation Water Policy in the City of Worcester, Massachusetts

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Assessing Childhood Food Security: Policy and the Pandemic in New England

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A Cross-National Analysis of Work-Life Balance and Public Administrator Turnover Intentions

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3-J (AMPHITHEATER): Undergraduate Panel – Fairness and Equity

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Rawlsian Duties of Justice and Justice as Decolonization

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Why Some May Not “Just Believe Science”: A Rhetorical Examination of Disparities in Public Health Distrust within the Framework of Health Equity

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Conflicting fairness ideas in living wage law conflicts: Investigating the DC Large Retailer Accountability Act

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Exploring How Social Movements Influence the Right to Education for Undocumented Students

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Girlbossing Too Close To The Sun: Rand, Friedman, and the Feminist Critique of the Market Individual

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4-A (EMERALD1): Taboos in Judicial Politics

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Breaking the Habit: Withdrawal from Drug Treaties

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Intoxication, Impairment, and Inconsistent Consent: Miranda's Blind Spot in Police Interrogations

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Positivity Bias and (In)judiciousness: Perceptions of the Judiciary and Responses to Violations of Judicial Ethics Norms?

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The Selma 29: When Courage Risked Conviction (Or Much, Much Worse)

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4-B (EMERALD2): State and Local I

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Is Good Government a Good Idea? Municipal Responses to Ethics Reform in Connecticut

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The Emotional Framing of Social Capital in Political Speech: A Mixed Methods Analysis of Vermont Governor COVID-19 Press Conferences

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Connections in Layered Communities: Loaves and Fishes, New Haven

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In The Place Where It Started: How Bernie Sanders' Time As Mayor of Burlington, Vermont Shaped His National Politics

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4-C (EMERALD3): The Politics of Policy Exclusion

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The Public vs. The Publicly Poor: An Analysis of the Role of Public Space Regulation Ordinances in Social and Political Exclusion

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Let Them Eat Pets: Scapegoating and Support for Restrictive Migration Policies

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Exclusion as Equity Policy?: Stakeholder Opinion and Transgender Athletes in Intercollegiate Athletics

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How Experience Shapes Expectations of Government: Lessons from the Opioid Epidemic

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4-D (DIAMOND1): Who Shapes Politics? Identity, Power, and Political Influence

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Beyond Policy and Politics in South Asia: Caste and the Limits of Development in southern Indian state

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When QTPOC Run, QTPOC Win: Intersectional Ambition and the Fight for State Legislative Power in America

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Narratives of Influence: Racial Minority Interest Groups and Narrative Lobbying in California

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Authoritarian Nostalgia without Memory: Determinant of Park Chung Hee Nostalgia among Korean Youth

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From Child to Parent: Bi-directional Political Learning and Civic Participation of Immigrant Families

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4-E (DIAMOND2): International Law, Justice, and Human Rights

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The Life Atomic: City Planning Under The Threat Of Annihilation, 1945-1960

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Threads of Resilience and A legacy of Displacement

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Hateful Misinformation and Democratic Backsliding

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Blueprints from Abroad: International Law in Domestic Housing Rights Movements

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4-F (KINGSLAND): ROUNDTABLE: Trump 2.0: Reshaping the Presidency?

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4-G (SHELBURNE): Canada-U.S. Trade & Trade Barriers in a Turbulent Time

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The end of the Gérin-Lajoie doctrine? Québec's relation with Texas

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A Lack of Strategy? Canadian Approaches to Trade and North American Integration under Carney.

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Pipelines, Political Polarization, Wedge Politics, & Anger as a Motivating Factor in Canadian Politics

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4-H (VALCOUR): Institutional Innovation and Change in American Political Development

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The Edit that Still Haunts America

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Guy Vander Jagt and the Allure of the Insecure Majority

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Party Leadership Amid Change: The Varied Leadership Career of Tip O'Neill

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State-building In the Federal Judiciary: The Creation and Development of the Federal Defenders and Magistrate Systems

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4-I (WILLSBORO): ROUNDTABLE: Contemporary International Relations: Lessons from Political Philosophy

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5-A (EMERALD1): The Crossroads of Instability, Authoritarianism, & Trust

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A Cross-National Analysis of Climate-Induced Migration and Political Instability

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A Tale of Two Cities: Overtourism and Housing Policy in Lisbon and Barcelona

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The Impact of Efficiency–Order and Welfare-based Instrumental Understandings of Democracy on Authoritarian Support: The Moderating Role of Institutional Trust

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Regime Types and Economic Recovery Strategies: A Comparative Analysis of Democratic and Authoritarian Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic

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5-B (EMERALD2): ROUNDTABLE / WORKSHOP: The Power of Choice: Designing “Choose Your Own Adventure” Learning Experiences that Empower Student Agency in Political Science Classrooms

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5-C (EMERALD3): Current Issues in US Foreign Policy

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Partisanship, Gender and Ambassadorial Placement: How the party affiliation of the president affects where men and women are appointed as ambassadors.

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Christian Zionism and Donald Trump's First Term, 2017-2021

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Shifting Geopolitical Competition Among Major Powers and the Issue of Reciprocal Risk over Critical Rare Earth Minerals

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Independence or Partial Independence For Greenland?

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5-D (DIAMOND1): US Federal Government

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The Judiciary as an Issue in Recent Presidential Election Campaigns

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Bizarrely Blue: Democratic Tilt of New England's Rural Congressional Districts

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Consensus to Contention: Developments in United States Attorney Confirmations

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When the Court Speaks Up: Rhetorical Shifts in the Chief Justice's Year-End Reports, 1992-2024

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5-E (DIAMOND2): Artificial Intelligence, Technology and Strategic Policymaking

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Strategic Silencing: Disinformation, Surveillance, and Shutdowns in the Politics of Protest Deterrence

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Detecting Strategic Ambiguity in Congressional Self-Regulation: AI-Enhanced Text Analysis of Trading Legislation Through Verbalized Sampling

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AI-Driven Transformations in Voting Behaviour: Micro-Targeting, Emotional Governance, and the Future of Electoral Politics

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5-G (SHELBURNE): Law and Society

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Veteran Status of US District Judges and Presidential Power

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The Uncomfortable Question: Addressing Sexual Violence Through a Prison Abolitionist Framework

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Using Civil Rights Symbols in Constitutional Politics: Banning Affirmative Action in California and Michigan

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5-H (VALCOUR): ROUNDTABLE: Author Meets Readers: The Adaptability Paradox: Political Inclusion and Constitutional Resilience, by Stephen Skowronek

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5-I (WILLSBORO): Theorizing the Surreal: Public Policy Theories in a Time of Dysfunction

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"Challenging the Multiple Streams Framework in the Contemporary Context of Institutional Friction."

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Policy Theory: From Order to Opportunity

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People, Perception, and the Policymaking Process

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Everything is a Story: How The Formation of Social Issues Reflects the Need to Understand All Public Policy Through Narrative Structure

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6-A (EMERALD1): The Lived Experience of Democracy: How People Make Meaning of Politics in Everyday Life

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Missed Opportunities: NYC Agency Based Voter Registration

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Climate Meets Class: Political Identity, Socioeconomic Hardship, and Climate Attitudes in the United States

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Teaching Public Policy with Library Archives – How to use primary source data to promote applied public policy skills and learnings in undergraduate political science courses?

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6-B (EMERALD2): Judicial Behavior

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A Coasean Theory of Corporate Charter Law

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Finding Your Voice: Intersectional Identities & Opinion-Writing on State Supreme Courts

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Amicus Curiae in State Courts of Last Resort

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Navigating Confounderland: Discovering Latent Variables on Legal Texts for Causal Inference

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6-C (EMERALD3): South Asia: Global Issues

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Green or Grey? Chinese Development Investment and Politics of Climate Change in South Asia

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Migration, Food Security, and Informal Finance: Afghan Refugees and Survival Networks

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Nationalism and Political Contestation in Pakistan's Territorial Disputes

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Framing Strategies in Pakhtunistan: Exploring the Role of Pakhtunwali in Defining Ideological, Social and Political Interactions

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6-D (DIAMOND1): Southern Politics and History

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A History of Mississippi Segregation Academies and How They Serve as Agents of Socialization in Students' Political Affiliations

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Searching for Sustainability in the Sunshine State

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Reclaiming the Southern Past: Black Suffering and Service

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Local Politics, Race, Rapid Transit: The Fall and (Partial) Restoration of Urban Rail Systems in Southeastern Virginia

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6-E (DIAMOND2): Economics, Elections, & Revolutions Revisited

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Park Chung-hee Nostalgia among Protestant Youth: A Focus on Individual Religiosity

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Reconsidering the Portuguese Revolution of April 25, 1974: Collective Memory and Historical Reinterpretations

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Federalism, Distributive Conflict, and Macroeconomic Stabilization.

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External Infrastructure Finance and Elections in Post-Liberation States

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6-F (KINGSLAND): Democratic Habits

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Between Form and Function: The Role of Unstructured Play in Democratic Education

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Solidarity and Care: Twinned Principles in Angela Y. Davis's Activist Philosophy

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The Health of Democracy: Why Democratic Theorists Need to Discuss Public Health Nutrition

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A Ventriloquist Act: Against Epistemic Deference

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6-G (SHELBURNE): ROUNDTABLE: Trump 2.0: Destruction or Policy Revolution?

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6-H (VALCOUR): Liberal Edges

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Utilitarianism in Crisis: Can Governments Still Provide “the Greatest Good for the Greatest Number” amid the Tragedy of the Commons?

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Spirit for Liberal Democracy

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“the major part”: Popular Sovereignty in Hobbes’s Leviathan

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John Rawls and Global Justice Theory

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6-I (WILLSBORO): ROUNDTABLE: Author Meets Readers: *Pre-Existing Conditions*, by Alex Garlick

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Baldwin Through Foucault: An Analysis of the Black Church

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Developed Democracies and Polarization: The Nature of Healthy and Unhealthy Politics During the Brexit Debate

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The Working Day and the Erosion of Civic Virtue

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“Because You Asked: Relational Organizing Through The Hartford Voter Captain’s Project”

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Diasporic Belonging of Palestinian American Women in New England

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“From Crisis to Capacity: Federal Interventions and the Evolution of State Welfare Institution”

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Bee Mayberry, Mount Holyoke College

*“Praise Jesus (And Trump): Language and Indoctrination Strategies
Used by the Alt-Right and Christian Nationalists”*

7-A (EMERALD1): Voting and Behavior

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