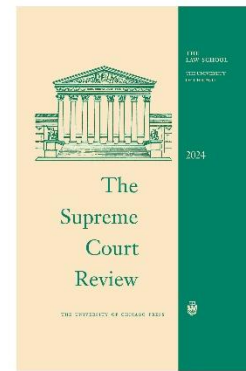
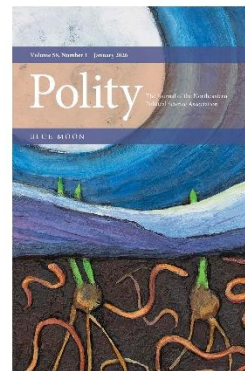
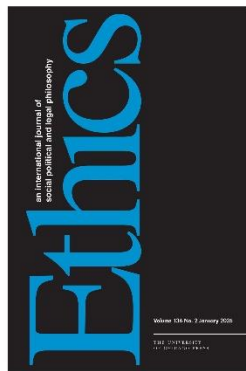
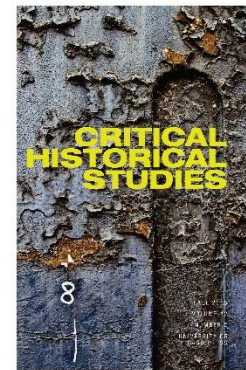
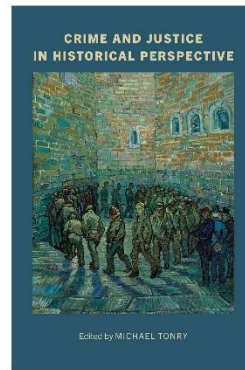
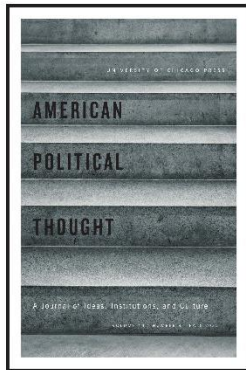




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Bestselling author and Pulitzer Prize finalist historian Garrett M. Graff has covered politics, technology, and national security for two decades. The former editor of *POLITICO* Magazine and longtime WIRED and CNN contributor, he has written for publications ranging from *The New Yorker*, *Esquire*, and *Rolling Stone* to *Vanity Fair*, *Bloomberg BusinessWeek*, and *Mother Jones*. Today, he writes the popular “Doomsday Scenario” newsletter and hosts the Edward R. Murrow Award-winning podcast, “Long Shadow,” among other work.

He is the author of ten books, including Watergate: A New History, and is best known for his three landmark volumes of oral history, all *New York Times* bestsellers: The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11, When the Sea Came Alive: An Oral History of D-Day, and, most recently, The Devil Reached Toward the Sky, about the making of the atomic bomb.

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## MYRNA PÉREZ

United States Circuit Court Judge,  
Second Circuit Court of Appeals

Myrna Pérez was sworn in as a United States Circuit Court Judge for the Second Circuit in November 2021. From 2006 until her appointment, Judge Pérez served in various roles at the Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University (NYU) School of Law, most recently as the Director of their Voting Rights and Elections Program. She has been a lecturer-in-law at Columbia Law School since 2016, where she teaches a seminar on election law, and she previously served as an Adjunct Professor of Clinical Law at NYU School of Law from 2013 to 2015. Prior to joining the Brennan Center, Judge Pérez was a Civil Rights Litigation Fellow at Relman, Dane & Colfax, a civil rights law firm in Washington, D.C., from 2005 to 2006.

Among other awards and honors, she was awarded the Latina Lawyer of the Year Award by the Hispanic National Bar Association in 2021, the Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award by the Leadership Institute for Women of Color attorneys in 2021, the Excellence in Academia Award by the Puerto Rican Bar Association in 2011, the Robert F. Kennedy Award for Excellence in Public Service by the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1998, and was named one of “50 Hispanic Influentials” by Hispanic Business in 2014.

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WELCOME EVENT	5:30 PM to 7:00 PM	Lake Champlain Chocolates *
BOARD MEETING / DINNER	7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Kingsland
A/V PROJECTOR DEMO	10:00 PM to 10:15 PM	Emerald Ballroom Foyer**

## 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 PM to 8:30 PM	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	Lake Champlain 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	Lake Champlain 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

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### **1-A (EMERALD1): US Foreign Policy**

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**Patrick Homan, Dominican University**

**Tobias T. Gibson, Westminster College (MO)**

*Biden, Congress, and the Battle Over Supporting Ukraine*

**Joseph Peschek, Hamline University**

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

**Shyam Sriram, Canisius University**

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

**Samantha Taylor, Johns Hopkins University**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Alexandre Couture Gagnon, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**

**DISCUSSANT: MJ Peterson, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

### **1-B (EMERALD 2): Alliances and International Regimes in Changing Global Contexts**

*sponsored by the International Relations section*

**Cora Caton, University of Maine**

*Economic Anxiety without Coalitions: Artificial Intelligence and Distributional Politics*

**Hyunsup Ko, Syracuse University**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Priya Moran, Friends Committee on National Legislation**

**DISCUSSANT: Bree Bang-Jensen, University of Georgia**

**1-C (EMERALD3): Judicial Selection and Identities**

*sponsored by the Public Law section*

**Dave Bridge, Baylor University**

*Donald Trump's 2016 List of Supreme Court Nominees*

**Paul Collins, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

**Christina Boyd, Washington University in St. Louis**

**Michael Strawbridge, Washington University in St. Louis**

*Bias and the Public's Assessment of Supreme Court Appointments*

**Kenneth Manning, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Wendy Martinek, Binghamton University**

**DISCUSSANT: Shane Gleason, Trinity College**

**1-D (DIAMOND1): Small States, Shared Traditions: Governing and Participating in New England**

*sponsored by the Public Policy section*

**Carolyn Arcand, University of Southern Maine**

*Exploring Methods used to Engage Maine Residents in Municipal Public Meetings*

**Stevent Cleto Garcia, University of Rhode Island**

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

**Aaron Ley, University of Rhode Island**

**Brendan Mark, University of Rhode Island**

*Stakeholder Perceptions of Climate Resilience Policy Instruments in Rhode Island*

**David Rovinsky, United States Department of State**

*Smallness, Dependence, and Flow: Rethinking Vermont*

**PANEL CHAIR: Emily Lynch, University of Rhode Island**

**DISCUSSANT: Emily Lynch, University of Rhode Island**

**1-E (DIAMOND2): United States Demographics**

*sponsored by the American Politics section*

**Raymond LaRaja, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

**Ethan Walz, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

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

**Jennifer Lucas, Saint Anselm College**

**Kevin Doran, Saint Anselm College**

**Kyla Prussman, Saint Anselm College**

**Elizabeth Rickenbach, Saint Anselm College**

*Change and Stability in Older Voters Attitudes*

**Tatishe Nteta, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

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

**Jesse Rhodes, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

**Adam Eichen, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Nicholas Kapoor, Fairfield University**

**DISCUSSANT: Michael Kerr, University of Massachusetts School of Law - Dartmouth**

**1-F (KINGSLAND): Conflicts for the Ages**

*sponsored by the Political Theory section*

**Genevieve Saharov, McGill University**

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

**Alejandro Cuadrado, Bowdoin College**

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

**Maxwell Lykins, Bowdoin College**

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

**John Colman, Ave Maria University**

*Montaigne's Discovery of Ancient Exotericism*

**PANEL CHAIR: Gia Mosashvili, New York University**

**DISCUSSANT: Robert Downes, University of Connecticut**

**1-G (SHELBURNE): ROUNDTABLE: Author Meets Readers: *Pre-Existing Conditions*, by Alex Garlick**  
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Herschel Nachlis, Dartmouth College  
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**1-H (VALCOUR): ROUNDTABLE: Author Meets Readers: *Born Equal*, by Akhil Reed Amar**  
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**2-A (EMERALD1): Political Communication and Media**

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**Aliha Haider, Binghamton University, SUNY**

*Filtering the Facts: Partisan Identity and Resistance to Misinformation*

**Tristan Hightower, Bryant University**

**Christian Pereira, Bryant University**

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

**William Mayer, Northeastern University**

*The Seventh American Party System: The Realignment That Nobody Noticed*

**Jesse Usher Barrett, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

**Donald Snyder, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

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

**Madison Witaconis, Simmons University**

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

**PANEL CHAIR / DISCUSSANT: Helen Knowles-Gardner, Institute for Free Speech**

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**2-B (EMERALD2): War and Security**

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**Patrick Bratton, United States Army War College**

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

**Giuliano Espino, Framingham State University**

**Haley Jensen, Framingham State University**

**Jamie Kuenzel, Framingham State University**

**Kimberly Martinez, Framingham State University**

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

**Daniel Post, United States Naval War College**

**Astrid Kause, Leuphana University**

**Moritz Keutt, University of Hamburg**

**Paul Slovic, University of Oregon**

**Sharon Weiner, American University**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Kevin Buterbaugh, Southern Connecticut State University**

**DISCUSSANT: Kevin Buterbaugh, Southern Connecticut State University**

**2-C (EMERALD3): Comparative Law and Courts**

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**Manuela Brunner, University at Albany, SUNY**

**Theodore Wilson, University at Albany, SUNY**

*Pre-trial incarceration and the Chilean criminal justice reform*

**Camila Castro, University at Albany, SUNY**

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

**Tassiana Moura de Oliveira, University at Albany, SUNY**

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

**Gabriel Rojas-Salazar, University at Albany, SUNY**

**Matthew Ingram, University at Albany, SUNY**

*Electing Judges: Perspectives from the Judiciary in Mexico*

**PANEL CHAIR: Matthew Ingram, University at Albany, SUNY**

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

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**Daniel Chand, Kent State University**

**Amy Xiaoyi Sun, Kent State University**

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

**Adam Cucchiara, United States Military Academy**

*Beyond Body Counts: Organizational Effectiveness During Rapid Security Expansion*

**Mneesha Gellman, Emerson College**

**Janice Gallagher**

*CholoTech: Call Centers and Deported People in the Circular Migration of Predatory Capitalism*

**Hyesang Noh, University at Albany, SUNY**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Brian Fife, Lehigh University**

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**2-E (DIAMOND2): Politics on the Edge**

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**Jeremiah Grove, University of Illinois, Chicago**

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

**Michael McKinney, Independent Scholar**

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

**Shyam Sriram, Canisius University**

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

**Hisham Yousif, United States Military Academy**

*The Narrowing of America's Epistemic Frontier*

**PANEL CHAIR: Priya Moran, Friends Committee on National Legislation**

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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-H (VALCOUR): Liberal Edges**

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**Gia Mosashvili, New York University**

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

**Lucas Swaine, Dartmouth College**

*Spirit for Liberal Democracy*

**Kieran Mabey, Yale University**

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

**Stephen Goniprow, Hillsdale College**

*John Rawls and Global Justice Theory*

**PANEL CHAIR: Greg Collins, Yale University**

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

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**Ayelet Carmeli, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

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

**James Greer, United States Department of the Treasury**

*Institutional Foundation of the New Deal Insurance State*

**Marc Eisner, Wesleyan University**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Joseph Peschek, Hamline University**

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**2-J (AMPHITHEATER): Undergraduate Panel – Comparative Control and Resistance**

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**Alana Bauer, University of Vermont**

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

**Isabel Custodio, St. Edward's University**

*BRICS Reactions to African Conflict and the New Major Power Clash*

**Brigid Hughes, Saint Anselm College**

*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**

*More than Mask: How South Korea Leverages Private Industry to Cultivate Global power through Beauty and Culture*

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**Briana List, United States Military Academy**  
**Robert Person, United States Military Academy**  
**Reagan Phelps, United States Military Academy**  
*Russian Information War in the Baltic States*

**Glory Okereke, Florida International University**  
*Weaponizing Energy: States Use of Oil and Gas as Tools of Political Coercion*

**Antoaneta Vanc, Quinnipiac University**  
**Costel Calin, Southern Connecticut State University**  
*The politics of portrayal: New York Times narratives of Eastern European countries during the Ukraine war*

**PANEL CHAIR: Zachary Shirkey, Hunter College, CUNY**  
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**3-B (EMERALD2): Virtues and Values**

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**Liza Williams, Tufts University**  
*Hospitality as a Movement and Practice in the Age of Global Populism*

**Kenneth Andrew Andres Leonardo, Hamilton College**  
*On the Way to Virtue: A Comparison of the Pursuit of Virtue in Aristotle and Tsunetomo*

**Amishai Goodman-Goldstein, American University**  
*The Decline of Civic Formation: Elite Higher Education as a Causal Driver of Polarization in 21st Century America*

**Natalie Pennisi, McGill University**  
*Affective Reciprocal Vulnerability: A Sentimental Solution to Societal Precarity*

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**Jacob Boros, Saint Vincent College**

*Education for Ecological Citizenship: Aldo Leopold on Reading Land*

**Anne Marie Cammisa, Georgetown University**

*Advocating for the Arts in Congress*

**Stefanie Chambers, Trinity College**

**Sara Dayhill-Brown, Wake Forest University**

**Lesley Lavery, Macalester College**

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

**Adam Shepardson, University at Albany, SUNY**

**Joshua Bleiberg, University of Pittsburgh**

**Leslie Finger, University of North Texas**

**Melissa Lyon, University at Albany, SUNY**

**Hyesang Noh, University at Albany, SUNY**

*How Do Teacher Strikes Affect School Board Elections?*

**PANEL CHAIR: Jonathan Wharton, Southern Connecticut State University**

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

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**Kiara Hernandez, Harvard University**

**Ryan Enos, Harvard University**

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

**Melissa Lyon, University at Albany, SUNY**

**Ji Hyun Byeon, University at Albany, SUNY**

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**Lucy Sorensen, University at Albany, SUNY**

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

**Katherine Rader, University at Albany, SUNY**

**Danny Daneri, Syracuse University**

**Zachary Schaller, Colorado State University**

*"Equalizing" Labor Law? Postwar Retrenchment and The Taft-Hartley Act*

**Kathleen Sullivan, Ohio University**

*Losing through Winning: Maritime Capital and Labor in WWI*

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

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**Sam Edwards, Quinnipiac University**

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

**Mary Lind, Binghamton University, SUNY**

*Digital Damage Control: Cyberattacks and the Logic of Online Censorship*

**Chloe Morgado, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Tobias T. Gibson, Westminster College (MO)**

**DISCUSSANT: Tobias T. Gibson, Westminster College (MO)**

**3-F: (KINGSLAND): Public Policy of, by, and for the Public Good: Designing Policy with People in Mind**

*sponsored by the Public Policy section*

**Marc Eisner, Wesleyan University**

*Crisis and the Hobbled Leviathan: Inviting Catastrophe*

**Anthony Dell'Aera, Worcester State University**

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

**Nicole Freiner, Bryant University**

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

**Michael Moltz, Shippensburg University**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Gregory Burnep, College of the Holy Cross**

**DISCUSSANT: Gregory Burnep, College of the Holy Cross**

**3-G (SHELBURNE): Polling and Elections**

*sponsored by the American Politics section*

**Rachael Cobb, Suffolk University**

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

**Michael Kerr, University of Massachusetts School of Law - Dartmouth**

*Cutting the Gordian Knot of Gerrymandering in the Shortest Straight Line*

**Katja Kleinberg, Binghamton University, SUNY**

*U.S. Perceptions of Government Intervention in the Economy*

**Sawyer Rogers, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Rich Clark, Vermont State University - Castleton**

**DISCUSSANT: Rich Clark, Vermont State University - Castleton**

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

*sponsored by the Comparative and Canadian Politics section*

**Alexandre Couture Gagnon, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**

**Reynaldo Rodriguez-Vazquez, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**

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

**Jim McHugh, University of Akron**

*Canadian Soft Power and Paradiplomacy*

**David Plazek, Vermont State University**

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

**David Rovinsky, United States Department of State**

*John Ibbitson and the Reordering of Canadian Political Space*

**PANEL CHAIR: Paul Petterson, Central Connecticut State University**

**DISCUSSANT: Paul Petterson, Central Connecticut State University**

**3-I ... n/a**

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

*sponsored by the Undergraduate Research Committee*

**Madison Albert, McGill University**

*Rawlsian Duties of Justice and Justice as Decolonization*

**Sara Driscoll, Bridgewater State University**

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

**Leah Mueller, University of Vermont**

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

**Bridget Quiroga, University of Connecticut**

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

**Alexis Worthen, Simmons University**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Tess Marchant-Shapiro, Southern Connecticut State University**

**DISCUSSANT: Scott McLean, Quinnipiac University**

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**4-A (EMERALD1): Taboos in Judicial Politics**

*sponsored by the Public Law section*

**Bree Bang-Jensen, University of Georgia**

*Breaking the Habit: Withdrawal from Drug Treaties*

**Tobias T. Gibson, Westminster College (MO)**

**Isaac Thomas, Westminster College (MO)**

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

**Virginia Hettinger, University of Connecticut**

**Allison Yankle, Catawba College**

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

**Helen Knowles-Gardner, Institute for Free Speech**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Michael Catalano, University of Scranton**

**DISCUSSANT: Kathleen Sullivan, Ohio University**

**4-B (EMERALD2): State and Local I**

*sponsored by the American Politics section*

**Kimberly Bergendahl, University of Connecticut**

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

**Bradford Demarest, Saint Michael's College**

**Emily Gates, Saint Michael's College**

**Elsa Gordon, Saint Michael's College**

**Damascene Niyongere, Saint Michael's College**

**Candas Pinar, Saint Michael's College**

**Tulasha Pradhan, Saint Michael's College**

**Patricia Siplon, Saint Michael's College**

**Benjamin Wilson, Saint Michael's College**

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

**Tess Marchant-Shapiro, Southern Connecticut State University**

**Sophia Gugliotti, Southern Connecticut State University**

**Andrew Marchant-Shapiro, Southern Connecticut State University**

*Connections in Layered Communities: Loaves and Fishes, New Haven*

**Paul Petterson, Central Connecticut State University**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: John Berg, Suffolk University**

**DISCUSSANT: John Berg, Suffolk University**

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

*sponsored by the Public Policy section*

**Shelby Cook Shannon, University at Albany, SUNY**

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

**Ashley Fox, University at Albany, SUNY**

**Hyesang Noh, University at Albany, SUNY**

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

**Elizabeth Sharrow, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

**James Druckman, University of Rochester**

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

**Patricia Strach, University at Albany, SUNY**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Katherine Rader, University at Albany, SUNY**

**DISCUSSANT: Samuel Williams, Dartmouth College**

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

*sponsored by the Race, Gender, and Intersectionality section*

**Mahesh Admankar, University of Massachusetts Boston**

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

**Zachary Baum, Rutgers University**

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

**Nhat-Dang Do, Trinity College**

**Jack Trent-Dorfman, University of California - San Diego**

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

**Woo Jin Kang, Kyungpook National University**

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

**Seungjoon Yoo, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

*Political Learning and Participation across Immigrant Generations: Evidence from Asian Americans*

**PANEL CHAIR: Sophie Chin, Simmons University**

**DISCUSSANT: Indira Sinha, College of Commerce**

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

*sponsored by the International Relations section*

**Joshua Leon, Iona University**

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

**Vanessa Portillo, Central Connecticut State University**

*Threads of Resilience and A legacy of Displacement*

**Jessica Schofield, Western Connecticut State University**

**Kate Jackson, Western Connecticut State University**

*Hateful Misinformation and Democratic Backsliding*

**Kirin Taylor, Syracuse University**

*Blueprints from Abroad: International Law in Domestic Housing Rights Movements*

**PANEL CHAIR: Wendy Martinek, Binghamton University**

**DISCUSSANT: Owen Temby, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**

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

*sponsored by the American Politics section*

**Matthew Dickinson, Middlebury College**

**Alex Garlick, University of Vermont**

**Lisa Holmes, University of Vermont**

**June Speakman, Roger Williams University**

**PANEL CHAIR: Dante Scala, University of New Hampshire**

**4-G (SHELBURNE): ROUNDTABLE: Contemporary International Relations: Lessons from Political Philosophy**

*sponsored by the International Relations section*

**David Clinton, Baylor University**

**Eric Fleury, Connecticut College**

**Michael Gonzalez, University of Toledo**

**Joshua King, United States Military Academy**

**PANEL CHAIR: Nathan Orlando, Benedictine College**

**DISCUSSANT: Stephen Sims, Rochester Institute of Technology**

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

*sponsored by the Politics and History section*

**Beau Breslin, Skidmore College**

*The Edit that Still Haunts America*

**Justin Greenman, Yale University**

*Guy Vander Jagt and the Allure of the Insecure Majority*

**Douglas Harris, Loyola University Maryland**

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

**Bradley Hays, Union College**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Daniel Klinghard, College of the Holy Cross**

**DISCUSSANT: Daniel Klinghard, College of the Holy Cross**

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**Atrium**

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

*sponsored by the Comparative and Canadian Politics section*

**Min Hyun Abbey Cho, New York University**

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

**Miguel Glatzer, La Salle University**

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

**Seok Hyun Hur, Kyungpook National University**

**Woo Jin Kang, Kyungpook National University**

**Sung Ki-Soo, Kyungpook National University**

**Jinyoung Lee, Kyungpook National University**

**Insul Park, Kyungpook National University**

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

**Qiaomo Wu, University of Hong Kong**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Alexandre Couture Gagnon, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**

**DISCUSSANT: Alexandre Couture Gagnon, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**

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

*sponsored by the Race, Gender, and Intersectionality section*

**Bert Johnson, Middlebury College**

**Jonathan Wharton, Southern Connecticut State University**

**PANEL CHAIR: Nicholas Kapoor, Fairfield University**

**PANEL CHAIR: Carrie LeVan, Colby College**

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

*sponsored by the International Relations section*

**Kevin Buterbaugh, Southern Connecticut State University**

**Costel Calin, Southern Connecticut State University**

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

**Thomas Carty, Springfield College**

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

**Sharyl Cross, St. Edward's University**

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

**David Rezvani, College of the Holy Cross**

*Independence or Partial Independence For Greenland?*

**PANEL CHAIR: MJ Peterson, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

**DISCUSSANT: MJ Peterson, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

**5-D (DIAMOND1): US Federal Government**

*sponsored by the American Politics section*

**Lisa Holmes, University of Vermont**

*The Judiciary as an Issue in Recent Presidential Election Campaigns*

**Theodore Keese, Georgetown University**

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

**Theodore Masthay, DeSales University**

*Consensus to Contention: Developments in United States Attorney Confirmations*

**Jesse Usher Barrett, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

**Justin Burnworth, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Dave Bridge, Baylor University**

**DISCUSSANT: Dave Bridge, Baylor University**

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

*sponsored by the Technology and Politics section*

**Samuel Olufeso, University of Massachusetts Lowell**

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

**ASM Safwan Rob, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

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

**Indira Sinha, College of Commerce**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Chloe Morgado, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

**DISCUSSANT: Mary Lind, Binghamton University, SUNY**

**5-F (KINGSLAND): The Clyde McKee / Garrison Nelson New England Politics Roundtable**

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**Stefanie Chambers, Trinity College**

**MAINE**

**Jim Melcher, University of Maine - Farmington**

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**Jerold Duquette, Central Connecticut State University**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Christopher Galdieri, Saint Anselm College**

**RHODE ISLAND**

**Emily Lynch, University of Rhode Island**

**VERMONT**

**Paul Petterson, Central Connecticut State University**

**PANEL CHAIR: Garrison Nelson, University of Vermont**

**5-G (SHELBURNE): Law and Society**

*sponsored by the Public Law section*

**Michael Catalano, University of Scranton**

*Veteran Status of US District Judges and Presidential Power*

**Sophie Chin, Simmons University**

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

**Lauren Foley, Western Michigan University**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Helen Knowles-Gardner, Institute for Free Speech**

**DISCUSSANT: Natalie Rogol, Rhode Island College**

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

*sponsored by the Political Theory section*

Jacob Levy, McGill University  
Nicole Mellow, Williams College  
R. Shep Melnick, Boston College  
Greg Weiner, Assumption College

PANEL CHAIR: Bryan Garsten, Yale University  
DISCUSSANT: Stephen Skowronek, Yale University

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

*sponsored by the Public Policy section*

Nutsa Chinchilakashvili, Simmons University  
*Challenging the Multiple Streams Framework in the Contemporary Context of Institutional Friction.*

Anna Gagliastro, Simmons University  
*Policy Theory: From Order to Opportunity*

Emmalyne Karnes, Simmons University  
*People, Perception, and the Policymaking Process*

Dakota Svec, Simmons University  
*Everything is a Story: How The Formation of Social Issues Reflects the Need to Understand All Public Policy Through Narrative Structure*

PANEL CHAIR: Gregory Williams, Simmons University  
DISCUSSANT: Ryan LaRochelle, University of Maine

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

*sponsored by the Public Policy section*

**Margaret Groarke, Manhattan University**

**Ishaan Jani, Manhattan University**

*Missed Opportunities: NYC Agency Based Voter Registration*

**Adanna Kalejaye, University of Massachusetts Boston**

*Climate Shocks and Urban Water Use: The Role of Institutional Response in Coastal Cities*

**Sohyon Pak, University of Massachusetts Boston**

*Origin of Wealth among Asian/Asian-Americans: International Remittances*

**Perri Leviss, Rhode Island College**

**Veronica Denison, Rhode Island College**

*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?*

**PANEL CHAIR: June Speakman, Roger Williams University**

**DISCUSSANT: June Speakman, Roger Williams University**

**6-B (EMERALD2): Judicial Behavior**

*sponsored by the Public Law section*

**Jonathan Chausovsky, SUNY Fredonia**

*A Coasean Theory of Corporate Charter Law*

**Shane Gleason, Trinity College**

**Aidan Gonzalez, University of Georgia**

**Kashmala Khan, Trinity College**

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

**Wendy Martinek, Binghamton University**

**Hayley Munir, Illinois State University**

*Amicus Curiae in State Courts of Last Resort*

**Santiago Virgüez Ruiz, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Paul Collins, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

**DISCUSSANT: Tassiana Moura de Oliveira, University at Albany, SUNY**

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

*sponsored by the International Relations section*

**M. Aynal Haque, Montana Technological University**

**Nabell Siddiqui, Susquehanna University**

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

**Feryaz Ocakli, Skidmore College**

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

**Sobia Paracha, Syracuse University**

*Nationalism and Political Contestation in Pakistan's Territorial Disputes*

**Nathan Smolucha, Harvard Extension School**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Shyam Sriram, Canisius University**

**DISCUSSANT: Shyam Sriram, Canisius University**

**6-D (DIAMOND1): Southern Politics and History**

*sponsored by the Politics and History section*

**Hanna Allen, Georgetown University**

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

**Michael Gunter, Rollins College**

*Searching for Sustainability in the Sunshine State*

**Paul Herron, Providence College**

*Reclaiming the Southern Past: Black Suffering and Service*

**Andy Carr, New School for Social Research**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Jim Twombly, Elmira College**

**DISCUSSANT: Jim Twombly, Elmira College**

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

*sponsored by the Comparative and Canadian Politics section*

**Paul Manuel, Georgetown University**

*Weaponizing April 25: Chega, Counter-Memory, and Democratic Backsliding in Contemporary Portugal*

**Masako Okura, Columbus State University**

*"Manufacturing Crisis in Japan: Sanseito's Populist Breakthrough and the Politics of Purity"*

**Simon Vodrey, Carleton University**

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

**Qiaomo Wu, University of Hong Kong**

*External Infrastructure Finance and Elections in Post-Liberation States*

**PANEL CO-CHAIR AND DISCUSSANT: Miguel Glatzer, La Salle University**

**PANEL CO-CHAIR AND DISCUSSANT: Matthew Carlson, University of Vermont**

**6-F (KINGSLAND): Democratic Habits**

*sponsored by the Political Theory section*

**Kevin McGravey, Merrimack College**

**Alison Russell, Merrimack College**

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

**Wendy Wright, William Paterson University**

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

**Nicholas Tampio, Fordham University**

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

**Hadass Silver, Holy Family University**

*A Ventriloquist Act: Against Epistemic Deference*

**PANEL CHAIR: Natalie Pennisi, McGill University**

**DISCUSSANT: Jim McHugh, University of Akron**

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

*sponsored by the American Politics section*

**Corey Brettschneider, Brown University**

**Nicole Mellow, Williams College**

**Russ Muirhead, Dartmouth University**

**Peter Skerry, Boston College**

**Stephen Skowronek, Yale University**

**Jeffrey Tulis, University of Texas**

**PANEL CHAIR: R. Shep Melnick, Boston College**

**6-H (VALCOUR): The Enduring Problem of Faction**

*sponsored by the Political Theory section*

**Kevin Akalski, Baylor University**

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

**Kayla Bartsch, Independent Scholar**

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

**Michael Lucchese, Liberty Fund**

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

**Ayla McBreen, Georgetown University**

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

**PANEL CHAIR: Murray Dry, Middlebury College**

**DISCUSSANT: Daniel Fram, Middlebury College**

**6-I (WILLSBORO): Administrative Burden and Administrative Capacity**

*sponsored by the Public Policy section*

**Jason Barabas, Dartmouth College**

**Samuel Williams, Dartmouth College**

*What Must Aspiring Citizens Know? Civics Test Questions in the U.S. Immigration Naturalization Process*

**Amalini Fernando, University at Albany, SUNY**

*Copy, Paste, Pass: How Model Legislation Shapes Consumer Data Privacy Policy in the U.S.*

**Susan Moffitt, Brown University**

**Cameron Arnzen, Brown University**

**Alejandro Contreras, Brown University**

**Lindsey Kaler, Brown University**

**Bryan Natividad, Brown University**

**Niamh Stull, Brown University**

*The Politics of Administrative Ease*

**Joseph Popcun, University at Albany, SUNY**

*Policy Entropy: The Drift toward Ordinary Policy Failure in 10 States*

**PANEL CHAIR: Patricia Strach, University at Albany, SUNY**

**DISCUSSANT: Melissa Lyon, University at Albany, SUNY**

**6-J (AMPHITHEATER): Undergraduate Panel – Political Life and Public Policy**

*sponsored by the Undergraduate Research Committee*

**Carlos Aguero, Southern Connecticut State University**

**Kenneth Salem, Southern Connecticut State University**

*Baldwin Through Foucault: An Analysis of the Black Church*

**Jaclyn Dziadose, Saint Anselm College**

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

**Aziz Haddad, McGill University**

*The Working Day and the Erosion of Civic Virtue*

**Antonia Kambolis, Trinity College**

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

**Elizabeth Muller, Providence College**

*Diasporic Belonging of Palestinian American Women in New England*

**PANEL CHAIR: Scott McLean, Quinnipiac University**

**DISCUSSANT: Tess Marchant-Shapiro, Southern Connecticut State University**

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**JOHN C. DONOVAN PRIZE FOR BEST PAPER WRITTEN BY A FACULTY MEMBER**

**Michael Catalano, University of Scranton**

**Allison Bugenis, Binghamton University**

**Hayley Munir, Illinois State University**

***“Safeguarding Presidential Policy through Appointments to the US Court of Appeals”***

**ROBERT C. WOOD PRIZE FOR BEST PAPER WRITTEN BY A GRADUATE STUDENT**

**Angie Jo, Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

***“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**

*sponsored by the American Politics section*

**Zachary Albert, Brandeis University**

**Eric Miller, Independent Scholar**

*Investigating Overreporting of Voter Turnout in Primary Elections*

**Graham Backman, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

**Tatishe Nteta, University of Massachusetts Amherst**

*The influence of anti-Latino implicit and explicit racial appeals in candidate evaluation*

**Scott McLean, Quinnipiac University**

*The COVID-19 Lockdown in the Political Psychology of Generation Z*

**PANEL CHAIR: Theodore Masthay, DeSales University**

**DISCUSSANT: Rachael Cobb, Suffolk University**

**7-B (EMERALD2): Liberal Democracy Under Duress**

*sponsored by the Politics and History section*

**Altug Aslanoglu, Syracuse University**

*Transforming Guardians: The Evolution of Civil-Military Relations In Turkey Under Erdoğan*

**Girma Parris, Case Western Reserve University**

*Why All the Claims of Objectivity from the Partisan Media: Path Dependency, Drift, Conversion, Layering, and the Standard of Objectivity*

**Aaron Weinstein, Fairfield University**

*Catholicism, Democracy, and Civil Religion*

**Gregory Williams, Simmons University**

*Moral Beliefs of a Declining Hegemonic Power*

**PANEL CHAIR: Matt Ulricksen, Community College of Rhode Island**

**DISCUSSANT: Robert Downes, University of Connecticut**

**7-C (EMERALD3): ROUNDTABLE / WORKSHOP: Beyond the Ban: Designing Authentic Political Science Assignments in the Age of AI**

*sponsored by the Technology and Politics section*

**PANEL CHAIR: Nicholas Kapoor, Fairfield University**

**PANEL CHAIR: Carrie LeVan, Colby College**

**7-D (DIAMOND1): Freedom, Hope, Sympathy, and the Human Experience**

*sponsored by the Political Theory section*

**Nicholas Anderson, Ohio State University**

*Philosophical Admiration and Republican Hope: The Politics of Teleology in Kant's Third Critique*

**Natalie Pennisi, McGill University**

*Does Sympathy Enlighten? On the Relationship between Sympathy, Solidarity, and Injustice*

**Kristina Clarke, Southern Connecticut State University**

*Patterns of Anarchist Organizing and Burnout: 2015-2025*

**PANEL CHAIR: Nicholas Tampio, Fordham University**

**DISCUSSANT: Nicholas Tampio, Fordham University**

**7-E (DIAMOND2): Africa at the Crossroads: Reimagining Global Governance and Asserting Agency**

*sponsored by the International Relations section*

**Harry Acquah, Clark Atlanta University**

*Rethinking International Relations from Africa*

**Prince Ifoh, Clark Atlanta University**

*Pan-Africanism and the Postcolonial State: Rethinking Legitimacy, Governance, and African Unity in the 21st Century*

**Eliud Kabamanya, Clark Atlanta University**

*South-South Cooperation or Reinforcing Structural Dependency: An Analysis of China-Tanzania Relations.*

**Samuel Nani, Clark Atlanta University**

*Africa and the Neoliberal Order: Towards Africa's World Order*

**PANEL CHAIR: Georgina Wanjiru, Clark Atlanta University**

**DISCUSSANT: Georgina Wanjiru, Clark Atlanta University**

**7-F (KINGSLAND): ROUNDTABLE: SCOTUS 2025**

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**Bernard Bell, Rutgers University Law School**

**Mark Graber, Francis King Carey School of Law, University of Maryland**

**Julie Novkov, University at Albany, SUNY**

**Carol Nackenoff, Swarthmore College**

**PANEL CHAIR: Howard Schweber, University of Wisconsin**

**7-G (SHELBURNE): Individuals and Economics**

*sponsored by the Political Theory section*

**Emily Armand, Simmons University**

*Capitalism As a Feedback Loop in U.S. Policy*

**Callum Ingram, University of Nevada, Reno**

*The Fearsome Audit: Walter Benjamin's Critical-Speculative Theory of Money*

**Alyssa Maraj Grahame, Independent Scholar**

*Financial independence: sovereignty in an age of pecuniary imperialism*

**Yujin Choi, University of Vermont**

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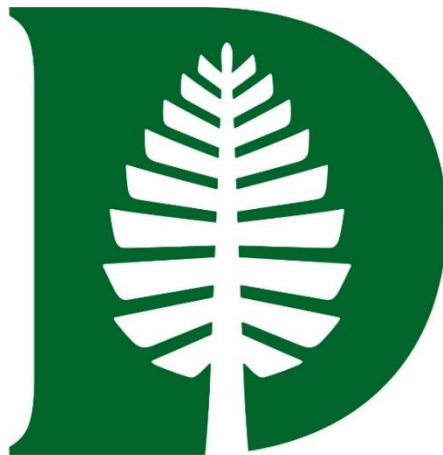
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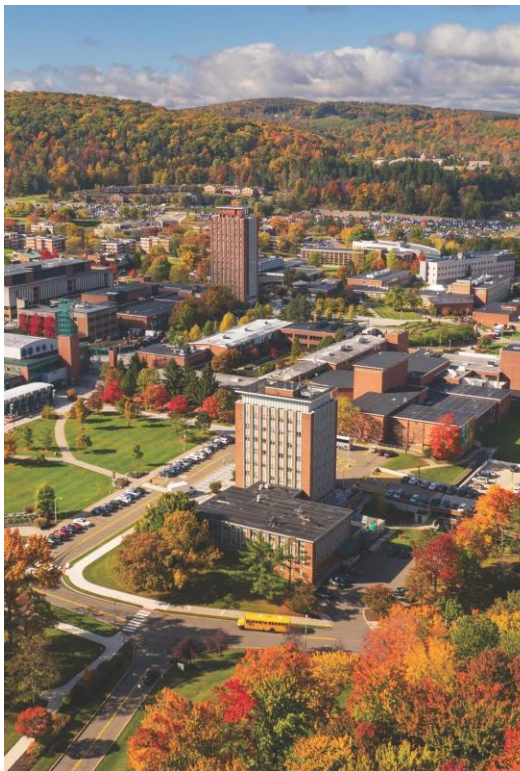
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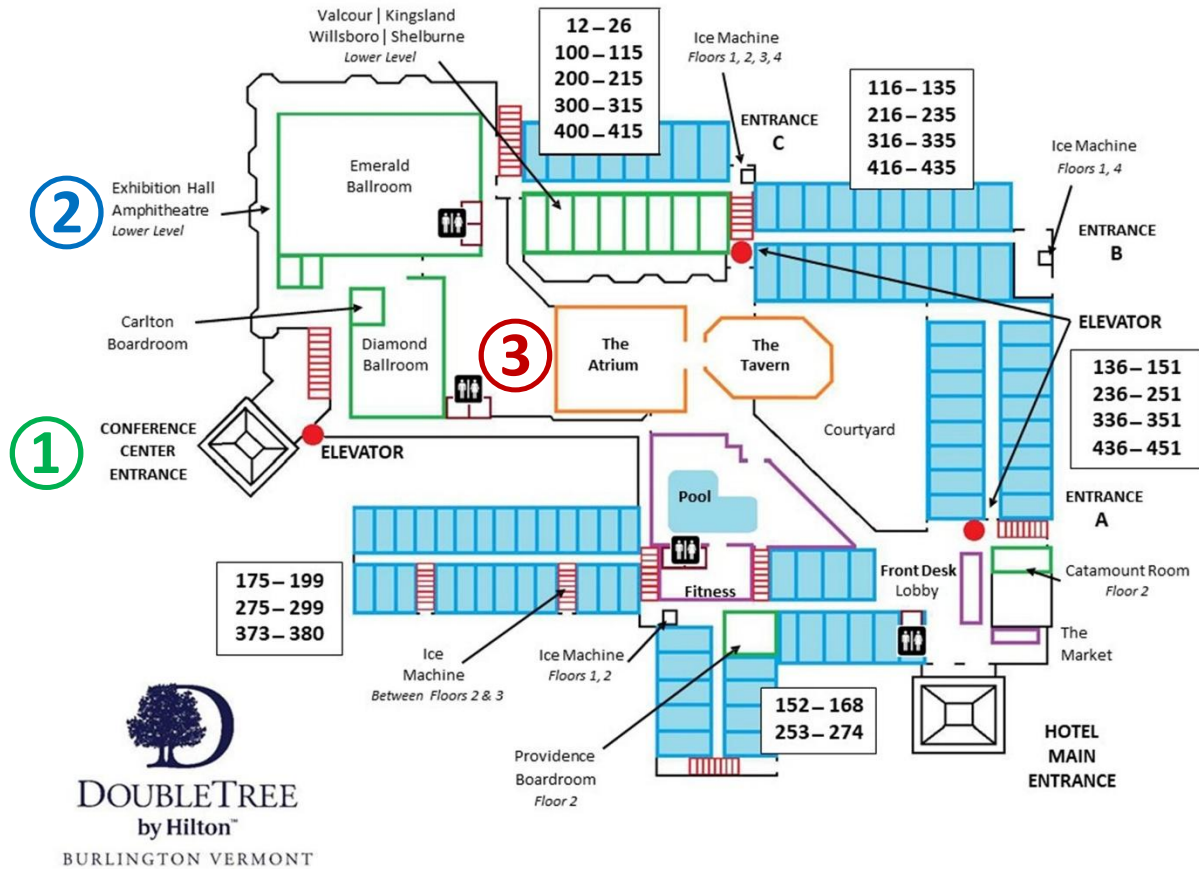
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