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| GPSA 2020Annual Meeting |
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| November 11-13, 2020Georgia Political Science AssociationProgram Chair: Matthew L. Hipps, Dalton State |



A Crucible Moment: The Role of Political Science in Democracy

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During these challenging times, we are especially grateful for the support of our sponsors. This year, despite the virtual format, McGraw Hill was gracious enough to continue to support us with a generous $750.00 sponsorship. As such, the Undergraduate Research Panel will be renamed the McGraw Hill Undergraduate Research Panel. The GPSA is extremely grateful for their continued support and look forward to continuing fruitful partnerships in the future.



Attendees,

On behalf of the entire GPSA Executive Board, I welcome you to this year’s GPSA, and thank you for willingness to be flexible and to participate in our first ever virtual GPSA Annual Conference experience. We find ourselves in tumultuous times, and we are certainly appreciative of your willingness to work with us as we navigate this new technology.

This year we decided to focus on the role of political science in promoting, understanding and protecting democracy. In both America and around the world, we are seeing significant voting shifts where, in a world that is continuing to wrestle with globalization, environmental and extreme political polarization, we have seen glimmers of unity and cooperation among and within nations. Maintaining the promise of democracy will take collaboration from all of us regardless of political ideology, race, religion, or country of origin.

How can political science (both the teaching of, and the discipline more broadly) help us answer critical questions regarding our democracy and our role in a global political community? In addition, how can political science serve to inform our views of how the world works, and ways that we can strengthen both our democracy and political institutions? How can these questions serve as a lens for better understanding political polarization, voting, social movements, party identification, issues facing marginalized groups and any other political, social and economic arenas?

In summation, the answers to these questions can serve as a foundation to propel the study and teaching of political science into the next decade. Determining the appropriate role of political science will continue to be a question of critical importance as uncertainty continues to plague the political world around us. I welcome conversation that helps us move toward answering this question and hope that this conference can, once again, serve as a reminder that there is more that we have in common, than that which separates us.

Sincerely,

Matthew L. Hipps

Matthew L. Hipps
GPSA Program Chair and Immediate Paste President
Associate Professor, Political Science
USG Faculty Council Chair-Elect

GPSA 2020 Conference Schedule

Wednesday, November 11th

Panel Session #1: 9:00 A.M.-10:15 A.M.

Session 1.1: Roundtable: Women in Politics

Panel Chair: Tamra Ortgies-Young, Georgia State University

Zoom Room Link*:* <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86472496163>

Session 1.2: Perspectives on International Relations

Panel Chair: Behrooz Kalantari, Savannah State University

Zoom Room Link*:* <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87478653927>



Panel Session #2: 10:30 A.M.-11:45 A.M.

Session 2.1: Issues in Public Administration

Panel Chair: Mark Pufong, Valdosta State University

Zoom Room Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89101595352>

Session 2.2: Issues in American Democracy
Panel Chair: H. Lee Cheek, East Georgia State University

Zoom Room Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88677490752>



Panel Session #3: 1:00 P.M.-2:15 P.M.

Session 3.1: Roundtable: President Trump & the American Political Tradition: Year Four

Panel Chair: H. Lee Cheek, East Georgia State University

Zoom Room Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83939461420>

Session 3.2: American Electoral Politics

Panel Chair: John Tures, LaGrange College

Zoom Room Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83269748612>



Panel Session #4: 2:30 P.M.-3:45 P.M.

Session 4.1: Comparative Politics

Panel Chair: Jose de Arimateia Cruz, Georgia Southern University

Zoom Room Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85936567251>

Session 4.2: Issues in Judicial Politics

Panel Chair: Matthew L. Hipps, Dalton State College

Zoom Room Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84077725778>



Panel Session #5: 4:00 P.M.-5:15 P.M.

Session 5.1: Undergraduate Research Panel: This Sacred Earth-A Comparative Ethics Exercise

Panel Chair: Tamra Ortgies-Young, Georgia State University

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81075964837>

Thursday, November 12th

Panel Session #6: 9:00 A.M.-10:15 A.M.

Session 6.1: Politics & the Pandemic

Panel Chair: Joshua Meddaugh, Clayton State University

Zoom Room Link*:* <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81075964837>



Panel Session #7: 10:30 A.M.-11:45 A.M.

Session 7.1: McGraw Hill Undergraduate Research Panel

Panel Chair: Matthew L. Hipps, Dalton State College

Zoom Room Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82619834053>

Session 7.2: Panel Discussion: Greg Domin Roundtable

Panel Chair, Adam Stone, Georgia State University

Zoom Room Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83085401343>



Panel Session #8: 1:00 P.M.-2:15 P.M.

Session 8.1: Panel Discussion: Disorder in a Leaderless World: A Report from the Regions

Panel Chair: Thomas E. Rotnem, Kennesaw State University

Zoom Room Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86440011791>

Session 8.2: Democracy and Political Theory

Panel Chair: Joseph Robbins, Valdosta State University

Zoom Room Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83309091702>



Panel Session #9: 2:30 P.M.-3:45 P.M.

Session 9.1: Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Panel

Panel Chair: Joshua Meddaugh, Clayton State University

Zoom Room Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89568415046>



Friday, November 13th

Panel Session #11: 9:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M.

Session 11.1: Annual Business Meeting/Association Elections/Awards Ceremony

Zoom Room Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86882248057>



# 2020 Full Conference Schedule

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# WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020

# Conference Session #1

# 9:00 – 10:15 A.M.

Roundtable Session 1.1: Women in Politics

Panel Chair & Discussant: Tamra Ortgies-Young, Georgia State University

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86472496163>

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| Panelist | Institution |
| Crystal Garrett | Georgia State University |
| Jamie Grussendorf | Georgia State University |
| Brandy Kennedy | Georgia College and State University |
| Elanor Morris | Agnes Scott College |
| Lauren Margaret MacIvor Thompson | Georgia State University College of Law |

Session 1.2: Perspectives on International Relations

Panel Chair & Discussant: Behrooz Kalantari, Savannah State University

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87478653927>

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| Presenter | Paper Title | Institution |
| Jamie Scalera Madeline Bercher (UG) | Transnational Perspectives and Euroscepticism: a strategic rhetoric of blame | Georgia Southern University |
| John P. “Jack” Moran | How Solzhenitsyn’s Work Survived the End of Communism | Kennesaw State University |
| James PetersonBonnie Peterson | American Democracy and its Leadership Role with Europe: Historical Background and Current Political Issues | Valdosta State University (IR) |

# Conference Session #2

# 10:30 – 11:45 A.M.

Session 2.1: Issues in Public Administration

Panel Chair & Discussant: Mark Pufong, Valdosta State University

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89101595352>

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| Presenter | Paper Title | Institution |
| John R. Bennett | A Mulligan for Municipals: COVID-19 Provides a Fresh Start for Struggling City-Owned Golf Courses | Valdosta State University |
| Behrooz Kalantari | A Comparative Analysis of Improving Productivity in the Public vs the Private Sector and the Lessons that Can Be Learned from Both Sectors | Savannah State University |
| Chris Grant  | Covid-19 and the Two Georgia’s- Which Has Fared Better?  | Mercer University |
| Behrooz Kalantari | How Organizational Politics in Public Universities Can Undermine the Quality of Education and Productivity: What Lessons Can Be Learned (a case study)? | Savannah State University |

Session 2.2: Issues in American Democracy

Panel Chair & Discussant: H. Lee Cheek, East Georgia State University

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88677490752>

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| Presenter | Paper Title | Institution |
| Kern W. Craig | Understanding Political Radicalization and Political Polarization in the dis-United States of America | Troy University |
| Andrew Waskey | Claiming the Rights Reserved to the People | Dalton State College |
| Kendall L. Bailey | Racial Politics at the White House: Analyzing Presidential Visits by Professional Sports Teams | Northeastern University |
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# Conference Session #3

# 1:00 – 2:15 P.M.

Roundtable Session 3.1: President Trump & the American Political Tradition: Year Four

Panel Chair & Discussant: H. Lee Cheek, Jr., East Georgia State College

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83939461420>

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| Presenter | Institution |
| Carlos Cunha | East Georgia State College |
| Hans Schmeisser | ABAC |
| Tom Caiazzo | East Georgia State College |
| Andrew Smith | Florida Department of Environmental Protection |
| Daniel Mancill | East Georgia State College |
| Roger Byrd | Brewton-Parker College |

Session 3.2: American Electoral Politics

Panel Chair & Discussant: John Tures, LaGrange College

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83269748612>

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| Presenter | Paper Title | Institution |
| Joshua R. MeddaughRaluca G. Pavel | A Political Institution the Right Can Trust? Ballot Initiatives, Conservative Social Policy, and Protection Against Congressional Seat Change. | Clayton State UniversityLoyola University of Chicago |
| Philip A. Grant | The Georgia Congressional Delegation and the Factor of Attrition, 2001-2020 | Pace University |
| Sean Richey | Local Patriotism and Participation in Local Politics | Georgia State University |

# Conference Session #4

# 2:30 – 3:45 P.M.

Roundtable Session 4.1: Comparative Politics

Panel Chair & Discussant: Jose de Arimateia da Cruz, Georgia Southern University

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85936567251>

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| Presenter | Paper Title | Institution |
| Joseph Robbins | Pooled Analysis of Terrorism Strategies in Central Asia | Valdosta State University |
| Behrooz Kalantari | How Donald Trump Administration Destroyed 70 years of American Peace Building Efforts in the Middle East. | Savannah State University |
| Jamie ScaleraGabrielle Peterson (UG) | Do Women Chief Executives Encourage Higher Voter Turnout | Georgia Southern University |
| Nalanda Roy | Sino-Indian “Great Games”: Enhancing Peacebuilding and Tranquility in the Indian Ocean | Georgia Southern University |
| Jamie E. ScaleraMaureen Stobb  | Conceptualization of Irish Citizenship at the National and Supranational Levels | Georgia Southern University |
| Jessie Kalinowski |  | Valdosta State University |

Session 4.2: Issues in Judicial Politics

Panel Chair & Discussant: Matthew L. Hipps, Dalton State College

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84077725778>

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| Presenter | Paper Title | Institution |
| John LeJeune | Partisan and Racial Gerrymandering Compared: An Examination of Supreme Court Arguments | Georgia Southwestern State University |
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| John Tures | If you think the Electoral College is biased toward some states, you should see the political party conventions | LaGrange College |
| Adam Stone | Flipping Circuits: Trump's Appointments to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals | Georgia State University |
| Roger Byrd | Sisyphus No More: The Case for Prison Education | Brewton Parker College  |

# Conference Session #5

# 4:00 P.M.

Session 5.1: Undergraduate Research Panel II: This Sacred Earth: A Comparative Global Ethics Exercise

Panel Chair & Discussant: Tamra Ortgies-Young, Georgia State University

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81075964837>

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| Presenter | Institution |
| Jessica Boykin | Georgia State University |
| Ajada Hammock | Georgia State University |
| Donna Howard | Georgia State University |
| Jaylin Stone | Georgia State University |
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| THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020Conference Session #69:00 – 10:15 A.M.Session 6.1: Politics & the PandemicPanel Chair & Discussant: Joshua Meddaugh, Clayton State UniversityZoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83075110298>

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| Presenter | Paper Title | Institution |
| Allyne Tosca Owens | The Impact of Covid-19 on 21st Century Life and Economy | Savannah State University |
| John Tures | Pandemics are not Petri Dishes for Authoritarianism: The Spanish Flu & Covid-19 did not make Countries Less Democratic | Lagrange College |
| Jose de Arimateia da Cruz | Covid-19 & Brazil’s Bolsonaro: Leadership Matters | Georgia Southern University |
| J. Benjamin TaylorBrian Webb | Home Rule & Executive Power: The Limits of the Georgia Constitution? | Kennesaw University Gordon State College |

Conference Session #710:30 – 11:45 A.M.Session 7.1: The McGraw Hill Undergraduate Research PanelPanel Chair & Discussant: Matthew L. Hipps, Dalton State CollegeZoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82619834053>

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| Presenter | Paper Title | Institution |
| Chelsea Riley | The Culture Gap: The Role of Culture in Successful Refugee Settlement | Georgia Southern University |
| Erik Kacprzyk | Financing of Terrorism | Valdosta State University |
| Lacey Reddick | The Level to Which an Individual’s Digital Connectedness Impacts Their Perception of the Terroristic Tactics of ISIS | Valdosta State University |
| Jakee Smith | Modern Applications of Machiavellian Thought to Contemporary Leadership Theory | University of Arkansas at Monticello |
| Olivia Hanners | The Economics and Science of Child Soldiers | LaGrange College |

Roundtable Session 7.2: Greg Domin RoundtablePanel Chair & Discussant: Adam Stone, Georgia State University Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83085401343>

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| Panelist | Institution |
| Crystal Garrett | Georgia State University |
| Kristina LaPlant | University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse |
| Hans Schmeisser | Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College |
| Carl Cavalli | University of North Georgia |
| Kerry Stewart | University of North Georgia |
| Chris Grant | Mercer University |
| Lori Johnson | Mercer University |

Conference Session #81:00 – 2:15 P.M.Roundtable Session 8.1: Disorder in a Leaderless World: A Report from the RegionsPanel Chair & Discussant: Thomas E. Rotnem, Kennesaw State UniversityZoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86440011791>

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| Presenter | Institution |
| Tinaz Pavri | Spelman College |
| Thomas Nisley | Kennesaw State University |
| Jack Moran | Kennesaw State University  |

Session 8.2: Democracy and Political TheoryPanel Chair & Discussant: Joseph Robbins, Valdosta State UniversityZoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83309091702>

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| Presenter | Paper Title | Institution |
| Barbara L. Neuby | The Digital Dollar Project and Democracy | Kennesaw State University |
| Andrew J. Waskey | German Literature and the Misapplication of Leftist Analysis | Dalton State College |
| Amir Azarvan | Orthodox Political Theology and the Fate of American Democracy | Georgia Gwinett College |
| Douglas Young | Creating an Ideal Environment for Productive Class Discussions of President Trump | University of North Georgia |

Conference Session #92:30 – 3:45 P.M.Session 9.1: Scholarship of Teaching and Learning PanelPanel Chair & Discussant: Joshua Meddaugh, Clayton State UniversityZoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89568415046>

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| Presenter | Paper Title | Institution |
| John Tures | From Model UN to “Choose Your Own Adventure”: Providing a Virtual Experience Into International Organizations and Conflict | LaGrange College |
| Tamra Ortgies-YoungElanor Morris | Podcasts, Global Engagement and Cross Cultural Competency: An Analysis of Outcomes in Diverse Institutions | Georgia State UniversityAgnes Scott College |

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020Conference Session #119:00 A.M.Session 11.1: Annual Business Meeting/Association Elections/Awards CeremonyZoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86882248057>   |
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