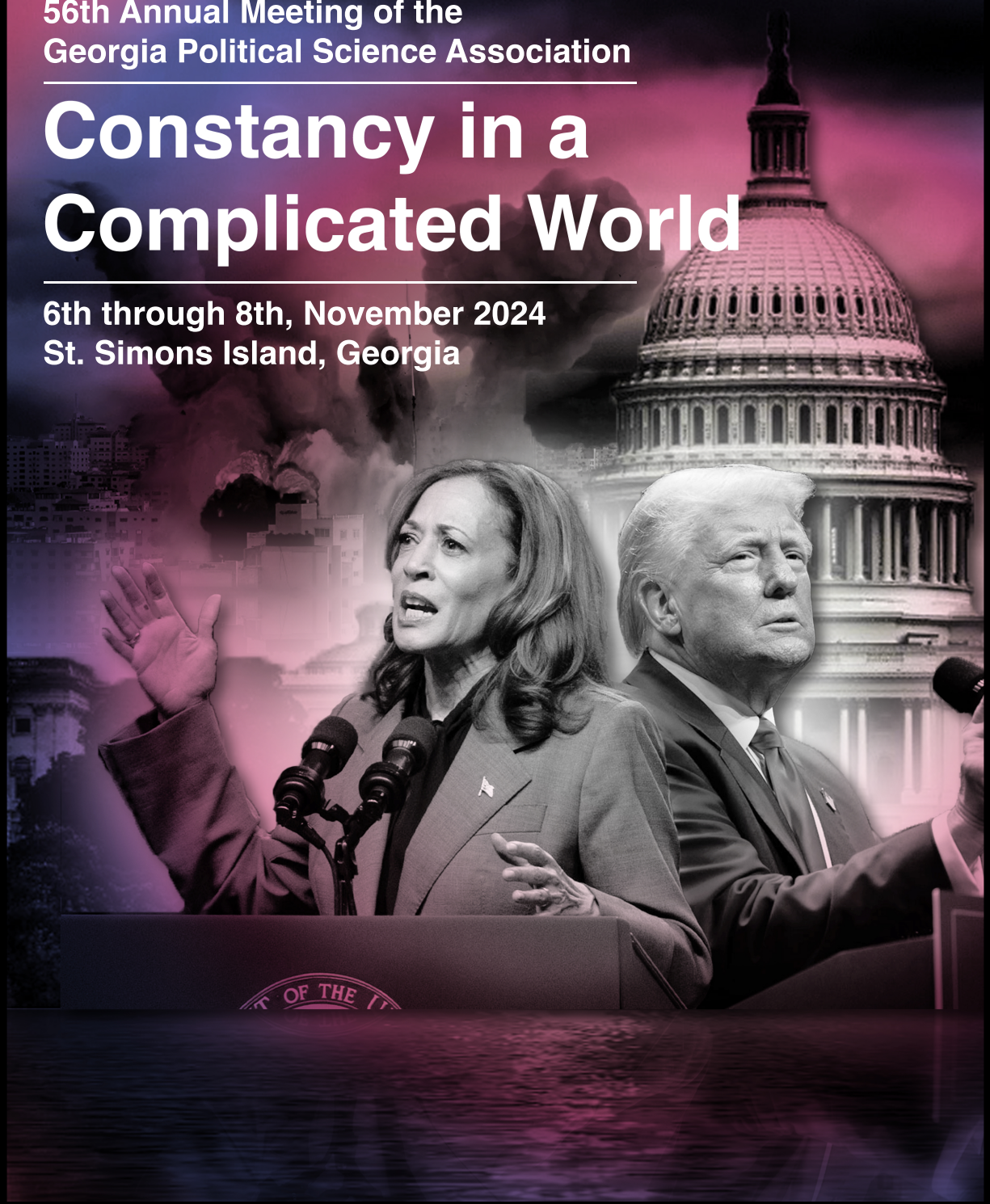


56th Annual Meeting of the
Georgia Political Science Association

Constancy in a Complicated World

6th through 8th, November 2024
St. Simons Island, Georgia



At a Glance:

Wednesday, November 6
4:00 – 6:00 pm

GPSA Board Meeting
OAK ROOM

Thursday, November 7**A. 8:30 am to 10:00 am**

1. Justice & Fairness
2. International Security
3. Political Philosophy on
Political Constancy
4. Global Issues Roundtable
*featuring scholars who study
Europe, Latin America, and
the Middle East.*

Thursday, November 7

Fredricka Ballroom I
Harrington Ballroom II

McKay Ballroom III

Cypress Room

Coffee Break 10:00 - 10:30 am sponsored by *University of North Georgia Press*

B. 10:30 am to noon

1. Voting & Campaigning
2. Global Conflict
3. Politics & Education
4. Fundamentals Forecasting of
Presidential Elections in Latin
America: A Machine Learning
Approach
5. Domin Roundtable on the
Presidency *Well THAT was
Unexpected: The 2024 Presidential
Election - What happened, why it
happened, and Bold Predictions for
what it means for the American
Political System*

Thursday, November 7

Fredricka Ballroom I
Harrington Ballroom II
Cypress Room

Musgrove Room-A

McKay Ballroom III

Lunch**noon to 1:30 pm****C. 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm**

1. State & Local Politics
2. Graduate School Roundtable
(designed for undergraduate
students wanting to pursue
advanced education)
3. Global Issues Roundtable *featuring
scholars who study Europe,
Latin America, and the Middle East.*
4. Teaching and Learning Track I
5. EU Studies Program Executive
Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 7

Fredricka Ballroom I

McKay Ballroom III

Musgrove Room-B

Oak Room

Coffee Break 3:00 - 3:30 pm sponsored by the *Southern Political Science Association*

D. 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Thursday, November 7

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| 1. Pajari Panel for Outstanding Undergraduate Work | McKay Ballroom III |
| 2. Justice & Change | Harrington Ballroom II |
| 3. Forecasting Out-of-Sample Coup Events with Generative Artificial Intelligence | Musgrove Room-B |
| 4. US Government Institutions and Reform | Fredricka Ballroom I |
| 5. SOTL | Cypress Room |
| 6. European Affairs | Musgrove Room-A |

- GPSA Awards Presentation 6 pm
- **President’s Reception 6-8 pm** & Posters presentations sponsored by *Social Science Quarterly*

Friday, November 8

E. 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Friday, November 8

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| 1. Asia | Fredricka Ballroom I |
| 2. International Organizations | Harrington Ballroom II |
| 3. Meeting the Needs of Citizens | Musgrove Room-B |
| 4. Legislative Politics | McKay Ballroom III |
| 5. Georgia Politics Track | Cypress Room |

Coffee Break 10:00 - 10:30 am sponsored by *W.W. Norton*

F. 10:30 am to noon

Friday, November 8






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| 1. Issues in International Affairs: Undergraduate Research Panel | Fredricka Ballroom I |
| 2. Issues in Democracy | Harrington Ballroom II |
| 3. Dilemmas in American Politics | McKay Ballroom III |
| 4. Women & Politics | Musgrove Room-B |
| 5. Contentions in US Elections | Musgrove Room-A |
| 6. Georgia Politics Track | Cypress Room |

Lunch

noon to 1:30 pm

2-3:30 pm *GPSA Annual Business Meeting*

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Wednesday, November 6

OAK ROOM

GPSA Board Meeting 4-6 pm

Thursday, November 7

A. 8:30 am-10:00 am

1. Fairness & Justice

FREDERICA—BALLROOM I

i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Lori Johnson**, Mercer University,
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ii. PANELISTS:

- **Douglas Ealey**, University of North Georgia, *The Rise of the Imperial Supreme Court*, douglas.ealey@ung.edu
- **Madison Newell**, Valdosta State University, *Dynamics of Force: Qualified Immunity Defenses brought before the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, 2005-2019*,
- **Marc G. Pufong**, Valdosta State University, *The Supreme Court's Dubious Ruling on Presidential Immunity & The Future of Presidential Powers*, mpufong@valdosta.edu
- **Adam Stone**, Georgia State University, *Ideological and Issue Advocacy Influences on the U.S. Senate Confirmation of Circuit Court Judges* astone@gsu.edu

2. **MCKAY BALLROOM III**

Political Philosophy on Political Constancy

i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **John P. "Jack" Moran**, Kennesaw State University,
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ii. PANELISTS:

- **Mark Kremer**, Hillsdale College, *Nietzsche and the Use and Abuse of History for Life* mkremer@hillsdale.edu
- **Jerry Herbel**, Kennesaw State University, *The Pleasures of Justice: Social Welfare, Hedonism, and Public Policy*,
jherbel@kennesaw.edu
- **Khalil Habib**, Hillsdale College, *Hume's Critique of Locke's Social Contract Theory*, khabib@hillsdale.edu
- **Richard Buckwalter**, Independent Scholar, *Montesquieu on Constancy and Change* buckwalter.r.a@gmail.com,
buckwalter.richard@gmail.com
- **John P. "Jack" Moran**, Kennesaw State University, *Tocqueville and the Dangers of Deified Equality* jmoran@kennesaw.edu

3. **CYPRESS ROOM**

Global Issues Roundtable featuring scholars who study Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. We will analyze the impact that changes in the domestic politics of states within each respective region are having on regional issues.

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Craig Greathouse**, University of North Georgia, craig.greathouse@ung.edu
- ii. PANELISTS:
 - **Dwight Wilson**, University of North Georgia, dwight.wilson@ung.edu
 - **Raluca Viman-Miller**, University of North Georgia, raluca.viman-miller@ung.edu
 - **Jonathan Miner**, University of North Georgia, jonathan.miner@ung.edu
 - **Nathan Price**, University of North Georgia, nathan.price@ung.edu

4. **HARRINGTON BALLROOM II**

Politics and Education

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Chris Grant**, Mercer University grant_jc@mercer.edu
- ii. PANELISTS:
 - **Kathryn Cooper**, Georgia College & State University, *The Impact of Restrictive Sociopolitical and Racial Education Legislation on Minority Enrollment in Higher Education*, kathryn.cooper@bobcats.gcsu.edu
 - **Toby Bolsen** and **Judd Thornton**, Georgia State University, *How Advocacy Messages Influence Support for “Ban the Box” in College Admissions*, tbolsen@gsu.edu and jrthornton@gsu.edu
 - **Susan B. LaPlant** and **James T. LaPlant**, Valdosta State University, *Gender Queer, The Bluest Eye, and Tricks: An Analysis of the Key Predictors of School Book Bans from 2021-2024* sbarron@valdosta.edu and jlaplant@valdosta.edu

Coffee Break 10:00-10:30 am sponsored by the **University of North Georgia Press**



B. 10:30 am-12 noon

1. **FREDERICA—BALLROOM I**

Voting & Campaigning

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT : **Joe Gershtenson**, University of North Georgia, joseph.gershtenson@ung.edu
- ii. PANELISTS:
 - **Jamie Carson** and **Stewart Ulrich**, University of Georgia, *Getting off the Roller Coaster: Initial Reactions to the 2024 Election*, carson@uga.edu
 - **Jeffery Glas**, University of Georgia, *Trait Interactions: A New Approach to Personality and Politics*, jeffrey.glas@uga.edu
 - **John Tures**, LaGrange College, *Do Televised Clashes Between Candidates Matter? That's Not Debatable*, jtures@lagrange.edu

2. **HARRINGTON BALLROOM II**

Global Conflict

- iii. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Jonathan Miner**, University of North Georgia, Jonathan.miner@ung.edu
- iv. PANELISTS:
 - **Lindsay Jouben**, Georgia Southern University, *Best Practices, and Food Security in Latin America*, ljouben@georgiasouthern.edu
 - **Joseph Robbins** and **Keith Lee**, Valdosta State University, *Cyber Capabilities and Counterterrorism*, jwrobbins@valdosta.edu and keilee@valdosta.edu
 - **Seyed Hamidreza Serri**, University of North Georgia, *Testing Strategic Culture Theories in US and Russian Nuclear Doctrines*, seyed.serri@ung.edu

3. **CYPRESS ROOM**

Political Theory

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Jerry Herbal**, Kennesaw State University jherbel@kennesaw.edu
- ii. PANELISTS
 - **John LeJeune**, Georgia Southwestern State University, *Thucydides' Corinthians*, john.lejeune@gsw.edu
 - **Daniel Skidmore-Hess**, Georgia Southern University, *Machiavelli's Influence on Gramsci* danielskidmorehess@georgiasouthern.edu
 - **Dwight Wilson**, University of North Georgia *Politics in the Anthropocene: Liberal Democracy in an Altered World*, Dwight.wilson@ung.edu

4. MUSGROVE ROOM-A

Fundamentals Forecasting of Presidential Elections in Latin America: A Machine Learning Approach

i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Ryan E. Carlin**, Georgia State University

ii. PANELISTS

1. **Ryan E. Carlin**, Georgia State University, rclin@gsu.edu
2. **Denay Grandison**, Georgia State University,
3. **Gregory J. Love**, University of Mississippi, gjlove@olemiss.edu
4. **Eddie Madden**, Georgia State University
5. **Romero Moura**, Georgia State University

5. MCKAY BALLROOM

Domin Roundtable on the Presidency *Well THAT was Unexpected: The 2024 Presidential Election - What happened, why it happened, and Bold Predictions for what it means for the American Political System*

i. CHAIR: **Hans Schmeisser**, Abraham Baldwin College,

hschmeisser@abac.edu

ii. PANELISTS:

1. **Adam Stone**, Georgia State University, astone@gsu.edu
2. **Hans Schmeisser**, Abraham Baldwin College, hschmeisser@abac.edu
3. **Kimberly Martin Tecklenburg**, Georgia Southern University, kimberlymartin@georgiasouthern.edu
4. **Lori Johnson**, Mercer University, johnson_la@mercer.edu
5. **Chris Grant**, Mercer University, grant_jc@mercer.edu
6. **Catherine Funk**, Abraham Baldwin College, cfunk@abac.edu
7. **Carl Cavalli**, North Georgia University, Carl.Cavalli@ung.edu

Lunch, 12 noon – 1:30 pm

C. 1:30 pm-3:00 pm

1. **FREDERICA—BALLROOM I**

State & Local Politics

i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Keith Lee**, Valdosta State University

keilee@valdosta.edu

ii. PANELISTS:

1. **Min Kim**, Georgia College & State University, *Investigating the Impact of City-County Consolidation on Revenue Base Diversification: A Case Study of Macon-Bibb County, Georgia*, min.kim@gcsu.edu
2. **Julie Lester**, Valdosta State University, *GET LOST: Negotiating the Local Option Sales Tax Distributions in Georgia*, jlester@valdosta.edu
3. **John Bennett**, Savannah State University, *The new watchdogs? Local news websites in Savannah aim to keep governments accountable*, bennettj@savannahstate.edu
4. **Tim Golden**, Valdosta State University, *Redistricting, the Religious Right Rises, and the “No Name” Caucus Emerges*, timgolden@bellsouth.net

2. **MCKAY BALLROOM—III**

Graduate School Roundtable

i. PANELISTS:

- **Craig Greathouse**, University of North Georgia—Chair, Political Science Department, craig.greathouse@ung.edu
- **Michael Lynch**, University of Georgia—Director of Graduate Studies in Political Science, mlynch@uga.edu
- **Leah Pieper**, Clayton State University—Director of the Masters in Public Administration program, LeahPieper@clayton.edu
- **Beth Reingold**, Emory University—Director of Graduate Admissions & Placement, beth.reingold@emory.edu
- **Jamie Scalera-Elliott**, Georgia Southern University, Chair, Political Science Department, jscalera@georgiasouthern.edu

3. **MUSGROVE ROOM-B**

Middle Eastern Affairs

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Joe Robbins**, Valdosta State University, jwrobbins@valdosta.edu
- ii. PANELISTS:
 - **Autumn Cockrell-Abdullah**, Agnes Scott College, *Kurdish Art As Political Witness*, acockrellabdullah@agnesscott.edu
 - **Tyler Parker**, Mercer University, *Unrequited Reliability: Why the UAE Seeks Autonomy from the US*, parker_tb@mercer.edu
 - **Michael Matthews; Nathaniel Carr; Danielle Vella; Kristen Budsberg**, University of Georgia, *Framing Firestorms: Decoding Youth Activism in Global Conflicts*, mrm78737@uga.edu, Nathaniel.Carr@uga.edu, Danielle.Vella@uga.edu, Kristen.Budsberg@uga.edu

4. **CYPRESS ROOM**

SOTL

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Hans Schmeisser**, Abraham Baldwin College, hschmeisser@abac.edu
- ii. PANELISTS:
 - **Tracy Lightcap**, LaGrange College, *The Challenge of Undergraduate Research Methods Education*, tlightcap@lagrange.edu
 - **Drew Cagle**, College of Coastal Georgia, *Teaching Political Science from a Local Perspective*, dcagle@ccga.edu
 - **Erica B. Russell**, Middle Georgia State University, *The Cool Factor: How High-Impact Teaching Practices Transform the College Experience*, erica.russell1@mga.edu
 - **John Tures**, LaGrange College *Undergraduate Research and Georgia Legislators*, jtures@lagrange.edu
 - **Roger Marietta**, Albany State University, *ASU's solution for transfer students who have already taken American Government out of state - to meet the Legislative Requirement*, roger.marietta@asurams.edu

5. **OAK ROOM**

EU Studies Program Executive Committee Meeting

CHAIR: **Michael J. Baun**, Valdosta State University

Coffee Break 3:00-3:30 pm sponsored by the *Southern Political Science Association*



D. 3:30-5:00pm

1. **MCKAY BALLROOM**

Pajari Panel for Outstanding Undergraduate Work

i. CHAIRS & DISCUSSANTS: **Joe Robbins**, Valdosta State University and GPSA Immediate Past President, **Joshua Meddaugh**, Clayton State University and GPSA President, **Raluca Viman-Miller**, University of North Georgia and GPSA Vice President

ii. PANELISTS

- **Alyssa Archer**, Valdosta State University, *The Rise of Political Polarization and Democratic Backsliding*, aarcher@valdosta.edu
- **Jessica Case**, University of North Georgia, *Rule of Law and its Connection to Democratization*, jrcase7453@ung.edu
- **Katie Gonzalez**, LaGrange College, *Homestyling: Senator Rev. Warnock and his Constituency*, kgonzal1@lagrange.edu
- **Jenna Pittman**, LaGrange College, *What Classifies as Domestic Terrorism?*, jpittma1@lagrange.edu
- **Margaret "Ellie" Smith**, Valdosta State University, *Fox News Viewership Across the 50 States*
- **Kaylor Stone**, Valdosta State University, *COVID 19 and Mental Health*, kqstone@valdosta.edu

2. **HARRINGTON—BALLROOM II**

Justice & Change

i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Adam Stone**, Georgia State University, astone@gsu.edu

ii. PANELISTS:

- **Julia Ball**, Georgia College & State University, *Demographic Influences of Public Opinion on Government Spending to Combat Crime: An Analysis Using the 2022 General Social Survey*, julia.ball@bobcats.gcsu.edu
- **John Bennett**, Savannah State University, *Municipal Golf Courses and Social Change* bennettj@savannahstate.edu
- **Amber Thomas**, Mercer University, *Recidivism and Prison Systems*, Amber.Lynette.Thomas@live.mercer.edu

3. **MUSGROVE ROOM-B**

Out-of-Sample Coup Events with Generative Artificial Intelligence

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Cale Horne**, Covenant College, cale.horne@covenant.edu
- ii. PANELISTS:
 - **Cale Horne, Hannah Bult, Nathan Dudley, Patton Hickman, Kateryna Kadian, Isaac Leicht, Chandler Lines, Sebastian Rodriguez, and Grace Seitz**, Covenant College, *An Experiment in Forecasting Out-of-Sample Coup Events with Artificial Intelligence*, cale.horne@covenant.edu
 - **Cale Horne, Nathan Dudley, Isaac Leicht, and Sebastian Rodriguez**, Covenant College, *Mitigating Bias in Out-of-Sample Forecasts of Coups in Sub-Saharan Africa through the use of AI-based Event Probability Distributions*, cale.horne@covenant.edu
 - **Cale Horne, Patton Hickman, Kateryna Kadian, and Chandler Lines**, Covenant College, *Recency Bias and Long-Range Forecasting with Artificial Intelligence*, cale.horne@covenant.edu
 - **Cale Horne, Hannah Bult, Grace Seitz, and Bryant White**, Covenant College, *An Experiment on the Impact of Language and Context Bias in Artificial Intelligence Out-Of-Sample Forecasting*, cale.horne@covenant.edu

4. **FREDERICA—BALLROOM I**

US Government Institutions and Reform

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Drew Cagle**, College of Coastal Georgia, dcagle@ccga.edu
- ii. PANELISTS
 - **Joseph Gershtenson**, University of North Georgia, *Trust in Government in Polarized Politics*, joseph.gershtenson@ung.edu
 - **Juliana Hartley and Caden Wolf**, University of Georgia, *Quantitative Differences in Violations of IIA and IEA in Social Choice Theory*, jmhartley2003@gmail.com
 - **Michael Lynch**, University of Georgia, *Republican Party Leaders and the Freedom Caucus: The Changing Role of the House Rules Committee*, mlynch@uga.edu

5. CYPRESS ROOM

SOTL

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Hans Schmeisser**, Abraham Baldwin College, hschmeisser@abac.edu
- ii. PANELISTS
 - **Michael Evans**, Georgia State University, *Reassessing the Impact of Online versus Face-to-Face Course Modalities on Student Performance and Democratic Attitudes in Introduction to American Government*, michaelevans@gsu.edu
 - **Luisa M. Diaz-Kope, Matilda Foster, and Gail Spratt**, University of North Georgia, *Exploring Academic Integrity Through the Lens of Students' Perspectives*, luisa.diazkope@ung.edu
 - **Douglas Ealey**, University of North Georgia, *The Use of Site Visits as Pragmatic Learning Tools*, douglas.ealey@ung.edu
 - **Erica B. Russell**, Middle Georgia State University, *Crafting Connection in the Cloud: Enhancing Student Engagement for Generation Z in Online Education*, erica.russell1@mga.edu
 - **Leah Pieper and Joshua Meddaugh**, Clayton State University, *Cultivating interest in public service careers: The role of required American Government courses* leahpieper@clayton.edu, JoshuaMeddaugh@clayton.edu

6. MUSGROVE ROOM-A

European Politics

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Jamie Scalera-Elliott**, Georgia Southern University, jscalera@georgiasouthern.edu
- ii. PANELISTS
 - **Allison Freligh**, University of North Georgia, *The Transition to Democracy and its effect on Gender Inequality in Central and Eastern Europe*, ALFREL4410@ung.edu
 - **Petr Jurek**, University of West Bohemia (Czechia), *European Political Leaders and US Presidential Elections*, pjurek@ff.zcu.cz
 - **Elizabeth Haley**, Valdosta State University, *The Rise and Impact of Right-Wing Populism in Central and Eastern Europe: A Case Study of Hungary and Viktor Orbán*, erhaley@valdosta.edu

GPSA Awards Presentation 6 pm

GPSA President's Reception 6-8 pm sponsored by *Social Science Quarterly*

i. Featuring posters presented by

- **Sara Anis Ali**, University of Georgia, *Absenteeism and Academic Outcomes in Georgia: A 13-year Retrospective Analysis*, sa98960@uga.edu
- **Benjamin Elliott**, Valdosta State University, *Factors Influencing Roma Political Representation in the Czech Republic and Central Europe*, beelliott@valdosta.edu
- **Anna Hale** and **Harris Wallace**, Mercer University, *Service-Learning in the "Other" Georgia* anna.callista.hale@live.mercer.edu
- **Liz Haley** and **Leah Fletcher**, Valdosta State University *The Relation Between French Colonialism and Dark Magic* erhaley@valdosta.edu, leafletcher@valdosta.edu
- **Reagin Jones**, Valdosta State University, *Conspiracy Theories as Catalysts: The Political Strategy of Cults*, reajones@valdosta.edu
- **Alisha Mitchell** and **Austin Dixon**, Mercer University, *The Plight of Ukrainian Refugees Relocated to the "Other" Georgia*, Alisha Alisha.Aryana.Mitchell@live.mercer.edu

Friday, November 8

E. 8:30 am-10:00 am

1. **FREDERICA—BALLROOM I**

Asia

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Tyler Parker**, Mercer University, parker_tb@mercer.edu
- ii. PANELISTS:
 - **Laurel Wei**, University of North Georgia, *Digital Ascendancy and Tech-Enhanced Authoritarianism: Assessing China's Impact on Global Tech Governance and Power Dynamics under Xi's Leadership*, Laurel.Wei@ung.edu
 - **Jing He**, University of North Georgia, *The Impact of Central Government on the Top-down Policy Diffusion: A Meta-Analysis based on Chinese Literature*, jhe@ung.edu
 - **Seyed Hamidreza Serri**, University of North Georgia, *Escalation Strategies: New Challenges in a Changing Power Landscape*, seyed.serri@ung.edu
 - **Chris Ortiz-Gonzalez**, Georgia Southern University, *Navigating Tensions: Security and Political Implications of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor*, co06360@georgiasouthern.edu

2. **HARRINGTON—BALLROOM II**

International Organizations

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Marc Pufong**, Valdosta State University
- ii. PANELISTS:
 - **Thomas J. Nisley**, Kennesaw State University, *The Peace Corps and the Popular Perception of the United States in Africa*, tnisley@kennesaw.edu
 - **Jamie Scalera-Elliott**, Georgia Southern University, *The Foreign Policy of Women Leaders*, jscalera@georgiasouthern.edu
 - **Robert C. Harding**, Valdosta State University, *The Inevitability of Space Securitization: Tilting at Windmills?* rharding@valdosta.edu

3. **MUSGROVE ROOM-B**

Meeting the Needs of Citizens

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **James LaPlant**, Valdosta State University, jlaplant@valdosta.edu
- ii. PANELISTS:
 - **Anna Hunger**, Georgia College & State University, *How Walkability Influences Socio-Economic Outcomes for Low-Income Populations: An Analysis using Counties in Georgia*, anna.hunger@bobcats.gcsu.edu
 - **Jaimie Kelly**, University of North Georgia, *Saving 911: Can Anything Increase Career Longevity for Emergency Communications Officers?*, jaimie.kelly@ung.edu
 - **Abigail Wahl**, Flagler College, *The Prevalence of Racism in the LGBTQ+ Community: A History*, abigailwahl2003@gmail.com
 - **Samantha Paton**, Georgia College & State University, *Covid-19 Education Restrictions and Literacy Rates in Georgia*, samantha.paton@bobcats.gcsu.edu

4. **MCKAY BALLROOM**

Legislative Politics

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Joshua Meddaugh**, Clayton State University
 - **Drew Cagle**, College of Coastal Georgia, *Gerrymandering as a Political Norm*, dcagle@ccga.edu
 - **Ariel Raggs**, *I Just Live Here: the decline in the youth vote as it relates to third places*, Mercer University, Ariel.Raggs@live.mercer.edu
 - **Lara Wessel** and **H. Chris Tecklenburg**, Georgia Southern University, *The Ins are Becoming the Outs*, lwessel@georgiasouthern.edu

5. **CYPRESS ROOM**

Georgia Politics track

- i. **Chris Grant**, Mercer University, grant_jc@mercer.edu
 - *No Longer Ruled by Rustics*, CQ/Sage
 - *Our Arc of Constancy*, The Georgia Humanities Council
- ii. **R. Keith Gaddie**, Texas Christian University, Keith.Gaddie@tcu.edu
 - *The Rise and Fall of the Voting Rights Act*, University of Oklahoma Press. (2017 V. O. Key Award)
 - *The Three Governors Controversy: Skullduggery, Machinations, and the Decline of Georgia's Progressive Politics*. (2015) The University of Georgia Press.
 - *Georgia Politics in a State of Change*, Pearson (2020 3rd ed.)
 - *The Triumph of Voting Rights in the South*. University of Oklahoma

Coffee Break. 10:00-10:30 am sponsored by the *W.W. Norton & Company*

F. 10:30 am-12 noon

1. **FREDERICA—BALLROOM I**

Issues in International Affairs: Undergraduate Research Panel

- i. CHAIR: **Thomas J. Nisley**, Kennesaw State University, tnisley@kennesaw.edu
- ii. PANELISTS:
 - **Julyana Ayache**, Kennesaw State University, *An analysis of relationship between the United States and the Middle East*, jayache@students.kennesaw.edu
 - **Isaiah Donaldson**, *The Influence of Economic Performance on European Separatist Movements*, Kennesaw State University, idonalds@students.kennesaw.edu
 - **Ruskoff Ferreira**, Kennesaw State University, *Contrasting the Devolution of Democratic Principles in Brazil and Mexico in the 21st Century*, rferrei9@students.kennesaw.edu
 - **Claudia Garavis Montagut**, Kennesaw State University, *Pan Perú: Improving Water Access in Perú through the Nonprofit Sector*, cgaravi1@students.kennesaw.edu
- iii. DISCUSSANT: **Jack Moran**, Kennesaw State University, jmoran@kennesaw.edu

2. **HARRINGTON—BALLROOM II**

Issues in Stabilizing Democracy

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Raluca Viman-Miller**, University of North Georgia, Raluca.Viman-Miller@ung.edu
- ii. PANELISTS
 - **Joe Njoroge**, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, *Ethnic Cleavages and Democratization in Africa: The case of Kenya's protracted transition to democracy*, ijnjoroge@abac.edu
 - **Jacek Lubecki** and **Chris Brown**, Georgia Southern University, *Democratic Purgatory in Latin America and East-Central Europe*, jlubecki@georgiasouthern.edu
 - **Kris A. Beck** and **Prathibha Joshi**, Gordon State College, *Reevaluating the Environmental Kuznets Curve for Carbon Dioxide Emissions: The Impact of New Technologies and Increasing Environmental Concerns*, kbeck@gordonstate.edu

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3. MCKAY BALLROOM III

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Carl Cavalli**, North Georgia State University
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- ii. PANELISTS:
 - **W. Ellis Davis**, Valdosta State University, *From the White Oak to the White House: The Dirt Road Network*, willdavis@valdosta.edu
 - **Derek Kim**, Georgia College & State University, *The Influence of Media Usage on Voter Decisions Before and After the 2020 Presidential Election: An Analysis Using the ANES 2022 Dataset*, derek.kim@bobcats.gcsu.edu

4. MUSGROVE ROOM-B

Women and Politics

- i. CHAIR & DISCUSSANT: **Lori Johnson**, Mercer University,
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- ii. PANELISTS:
 - **Catherine Funk**, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, *Owning Womanhood in the Republican Party*, cfunk@abac.edu
 - **Deborah Saki** and **Alexander Leasure**, Georgia State University, *Where are the women memorialized? Commemoration of Women in the U.S. Congress*, dsaki1@gsu.edu
 - **Brian Smith**, Georgia Southwestern State University, *Creedal Nationalism in the Public Rhetoric of Antebellum Women's Rights*, brian.smith@gsw.edu
 - **David Pena**, Clayton State University, *Face Value: The Influence of Masculinity and Femininity in Candidate Facial Structure on Voter Perceptions*. davidpena@clayton.edu

5. MUSGROVE ROOM-A

Contentions in US Voting

- i. Chair & Discussant: **Chris Grant**, Mercer University
- ii. Panelists:
 - **Behrooz Kalantari**, Savannah State University, *Shortcomings of the American Presidential and Congressional Elections: What Are the Alternatives?* kalantab@savannahstate.edu
 - **Grace Lorys**, University of Georgia, *Packing the Courts: The Reality of Partisan-Voting*, gel62023@uga.edu
 - **J. Benjamin Taylor** and **Kerwin Swint**, Kennesaw State University, *On the Effects of Election Rules and Context on Voter Satisfaction and Engagement* jtayl369@kennesaw.edu, kswint@kennesaw.edu

6. CYPRESS ROOM

Georgia Politics track

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1. *The Rise and Fall of the Voting Rights Act*, University of Oklahoma Press. (2017 V. O. Key Award)
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 3. *Georgia Politics in a State of Change*, Pearson (2020 3rd ed.)
 4. *The Triumph of Voting Rights in the South*. The University of Oklahoma Press. (2011 V. O. Key Award)

Lunch. 12:00-2:00 pm

2-3:30 pm GPSA Annual Business Meeting

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