

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Thursday, February 22

8:00-10:00 PM: Reception at Embassy Suites Hotel Austin – Downtown/Town Lake

Friday, February 23

8:00 AM: Bus departs for the University of Texas at Austin, Joe C. Thompson Center

8:45-10:15 AM: Panels 1A and 1B

10:15-10:30 AM: Break

10:30 AM-Noon: Panels 2A and 2B

Noon-1:30 PM: Lunch

1:45-3:15 PM: Panels 3A and 3B

3:15-3:30 PM: Break

3:30-5:00 PM: Panels 4A, 4B, and 4C

5:30 PM: Bus departs for hotel

7:00-9:00 PM: Dinner

Saturday, February 24

8:00 AM: Bus departs for the University of Texas at Austin, Joe C. Thompson Center

8:45-10:15 AM: Panels 5A and 5B

10:15-10:30 AM: Break

10:30 AM-Noon: Panels 6A and 6B

Noon-1:30 PM: Lunch

1:45-3:15 PM: Panels 7A and 7B

3:15-4:00 PM: Snacks

4:00 PM: Bus departs for hotel

6:00 PM: Optional activities for conference participants remaining in Austin

Conference Hotel

Embassy Suites Hotel Austin – Downtown/Town Lake

300 South Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78704

Phone: 512-469-9000 (Refer to the Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy when making reservations)

Hotel-provided group booking Web page:

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Conference Site

Thompson Conference Center, University of Texas at Austin

2405 Robert Dedman Drive, Austin, TX 78712

Phone: 1-800-882-8784 or 512-471-3121

Web page: <http://www.utexas.edu/cee/tcc/>

PANELS

PANEL 1A: STATE GOVERNMENTS GROW UP: THE INCREASE AND IMPACT OF PROFESSIONALIZATION (Friday, 8:45 am, Room 3.108)

Chair/Discussant: Ron Weber, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, rweber@uwm.edu

Co-Discussant: Keith E. Hamm, Rice University, hamm@rice.edu

“Professionalization and State Courts”

Peveerill Squire, University of Iowa, peveerill-squire@uiowa.edu

“Governors Turn Pro: The Institutionalization of the Executive Branch”

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Milton R. Stark II, University of South Carolina, starkmr@mailbox.sc.edu

“Amateurs, Professionals, and Policymaking in State Legislatures: What Shapes the Supply of Legislative Demands?”

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Thad Kousser, University of California, San Diego, tkousser@ucsd.edu

“Leaders, Parties, and Committees: The Impact of Legislative Professionalization”

Nancy Martorano, University of Dayton, nancy.martorano@notes.udayton.edu

PANEL 1B: EDUCATION POLICY (Friday, 8:45 am, Room 3.110)

Chair/Discussant: Eric Plutzer, Pennsylvania State University, EXP12@psu.edu

Co-Discussant: Eric Gonzalez Juenke, University of Colorado, juenke@colorado.edu

“The Link between Money and Control in Public School Finance”

Bryan Shelly, Wake Forest University, shellybt@wfu.edu

“Public School Finance before and after *Serrano*”

Sarah A. Hill, California Institute of Technology, sarah@caltech.edu

“The Politics of State Support for Higher Education”

Luciana Dar, University of California, Los Angeles, luciana.dar@ucla.edu

“Framing the DREAM: A Comparative Analysis of State Legislative Issue Framing on Tuition Rates for Undocumented Students”

Gary Reich, University of Kansas, greich@ku.edu

Jay Barth, Hendrix College, barth@hendrix.edu

“Before the Spelling Bee: Accounting for Variation in State Home School Regulations”

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Jamie Dye, Western Michigan University

Gregory Rathje, Western Michigan University, gregory.e.rathje@wmich.edu

PANEL 2A: THE JUDICIAL BRANCH (Friday, 10:30 am, Room 3.108)

Chair/Discussant: Kate Bratton, Louisiana State University, bratton@lsu.edu

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“Does Money Buy Voters? Campaign Spending and Citizen Participation in State Supreme Court Elections”

Melinda Gann Hall, Michigan State University, hallme@msu.edu

Chris W. Bonneau, University of Pittsburgh, cwb7@pitt.edu

“Do Elections Bring out Love or Hate in Judicial-Legislative Elections? Legislative Perceptions across Judicial Methods of Selection and Retention in the Fifty States”

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“Judicial Accountability or Majority Tyranny? Judicial Selection Methods and State Gay Rights Rulings”

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“The Consensual Effects of Seniority: An Analysis of Tenure in State Supreme Courts”

Brent D. Boyea, University of Texas at Arlington, boyea@uta.edu

“Judicial and Political Ambition in New York State Trial Court Judges”

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Wendy Martinek, Binghamton University, martinek@binghamton.edu

PANEL 2B: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY (Friday, 10:30 am, Room 3.110)

Chair: Richard F. Winters, Dartmouth College, Richard.F.Winters@Dartmouth.EDU

Discussant: Neal D. Woods, University of South Carolina, woodsn@gwm.sc.edu

“Assessing State Susceptibility to Environmental Regulatory Competition”

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“Toxic Releases and the States: Multilevel Analysis of the Relationship between State Politics and Policy and Improvements in Pollution Releases”

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Troy D. Abel, Western Washington University, troy.abel@wwu.edu

Michael E. Kraft, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, kraftm@uwgb.edu

“Rural Policymaking in a Changing Political Context”

Celia M. Carroll, Hampden-Sydney College, ccarroll@hsc.edu

“The Nature of Environmental Interests in State Interest Communities”

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PANEL 3A: THE IMPACT OF DIRECT DEMOCRACY (Friday, 1:45 pm, Room 3.108)

Chair/Discussant: Todd Donovan, Western Washington University, donovan@cc.wvu.edu

Co-Discussant: Thad Kousser, University of California, San Diego, tkousser@ucsd.edu

“Organized Interests, Public Opinion and Policy Congruence in Initiative and Non-Initiative States”

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“Mass Support for Redistricting Reform: Partisanship and Representational Winners and Losers”

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“Close Enough for Comfort? A Spatial Analysis of Voting on Indian Gaming Initiatives”

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“The Diffusion of Tyranny: Direct Democracy and Minority Rights”

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“Analyzing the Impact of the Citizen Initiative and State Fiscal Policy”

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PANEL 3B: ANTIPOVERTY POLICY (Friday, 1:45 pm, Room 3.110)

Chair/Discussant: Carol Weissert, Florida State University, carol.weissert@fsu.edu

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“The Political Economy of State Responses to Medicaid Shocks”

Shanna Rose, New York University, shanna.rose@nyu.edu

“The Impact of Welfare Reform on Medicaid Policy in the American States”

Saundra K. Schneider, Michigan State University, sks@msu.edu

“The Invisible Variable: Bringing Business Back in to State Antipoverty Policymaking”

Nicole Kazee, Yale University, nicole.kazee@yale.edu

“Substance or Symbolism? States’ Willingness to Adopt More Generous Minimum Wage Laws”

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PANEL 4A: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF STATE POLITICS (Friday, 3:30 pm, Room 3.108)

Chair/Discussant: Corrine M. McConnaughy, University of Texas at Austin,
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“Approaches to Modeling the Adoption and Modification of Policies with Multiple Components”

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“Estimating National Common Space Ideal Points for State Legislators”

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Christopher Berry, University of Chicago, crberry@uchicago.edu
Nolan McCarty, Princeton University, nmccarty@princeton.edu

“A Micro-Level Approach to Measuring State Electoral Competition”

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“Legislative Professionalism and the Personal Vote in U.S. State Legislative Elections”

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PANEL 4B: RACE AND PUBLIC POLICY (Friday, 3:30 pm, Room 3.110)

Chair/Discussant: David Leal, University of Texas at Austin, dleal@mail.la.utexas.edu
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“Race, Class, and State Provision: Social Groups as Actors and Objects in the Policy Process”

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Sarah Bruch, University of Wisconsin-Madison, bruch@wisc.edu
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“The Impact of Racial and Ethnic Group Preferences on Education Policy Outcomes”

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Barbara Norrander, University of Arizona, norrande@u.arizona.edu

“Testing the Impact of Social Diversity and Racial Attitudes on Criminal Reentry Policies in the U.S. States”

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“Does School Board Composition Matter? The Link between Latino Representation and Education Resources”

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Stella Rouse, Louisiana State University, srouse1@lsu.edu
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“Searching for the Third Dimension: Electoral Success, Ideology, and Influence in Latino’s MMDs in the U.S. States”

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PANEL 4C: PARTY POLITICS IN THE STATES (Friday, 3:30 pm, Room 3.102)

Chair/Discussant: Michael Hagen, Temple University, michael.hagen@temple.edu

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“Conditional Party Government in the States”

Jim Battista, University of North Texas, jsb0027@unt.edu

“What Is the Value of Majority Status in American State Legislatures?”

Henry Kim, University of California, San Diego, h27kim@ucsd.edu

Justin Phillips, Columbia University, jhp2121@columbia.edu

“Information Levels and the Strength of Partisanship”

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“Electoral Competition: The Battle between Aggregate and Annual Measurements”

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PANEL 5A: THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH (Saturday, 8:45 am, Room 3.108)

Chair/Discussant: Nelson Dometrius, Texas Tech University, NELSON.DOMETRIUS@ttu.edu

“The Roots of Executive Power”

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“Unitary Decision-making in the American Governorship”

Margaret R. Ferguson, Indiana University at Indianapolis, mferguso@iupui.edu

“Gubernatorial Cross-Party Approval: The Quest for Asymmetries”

Aaron Strauss, Princeton University, abstraus@princeton.edu

“Legislative Acceptance of Gubernatorial Budget Proposals”

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PANEL 5B: CHILD AND FAMILY POLICY (Saturday, 8:45 am, Room 3.110)

Chair/Discussant: Sandra K. Schneider, Michigan State University, sks@msu.edu

“Scandals, Lawsuits, and Politics: Child Welfare Policy in the States”

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“The Effectiveness of Mothers against Drunk Driving: A Reevaluation of State Panel Data”

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“Reactionary Policy-Making: Is a Child Maltreatment Fatality a Predictor of Legislative Change?”

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“Venue Shopping, Policy Feedback, and American Preschool Policy”

Andrew Karch, University of Texas at Austin, akarch@mail.utexas.edu

PANEL 6A: STATE-LEVEL ANALYSES OF VOTER TURNOUT (Saturday, 10:30 am, Room 3.108)

Chair/Discussant: Daron R. Shaw, University of Texas at Austin, dshaw@jeeves.la.utexas.edu

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“Tom DeLay as Independent Variable: Turnout among Redrawn Texas Voters, 2002-2006”

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“Long-term and Short-term Influences on Class Bias in the States”

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“State Electoral Context and Voter Participation: Who Is Mobilized by What?”

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“Reducing the Costs of Participation: Are States Getting a Return on Early Voting?”

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“How State Electoral Institutions Influence Electoral Participation by Young Citizens”

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PANEL 6B: POLICY POTPOURRI (Saturday, 10:30 am, Room 3.110)

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“State Stem Cell Policies and the Geographic Preferences on U.S. Stem Cell Scientists”

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“Imperfect Information, Monitoring Costs, Institutional Constraints and State Bond Ratings”

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“The Role of the Media in the Policy Process: Perspectives from PIOs, Legislators, and Reporters”

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“Conditioning State Responses to External Influences: The Role of Internal Moderators in State Policy Change”

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PANEL 7A: CAMPAIGNING FOR STATE OFFICE (Saturday, 1:45 pm, Room 3.108)

Chair/Discussant: Thomas Carsey, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, carsey@unc.edu

“See How They Run: Voter Preferences and Candidate Experience with the Role of Sexual Orientation in State Elections”

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“The Effects of Grassroots Campaigning in State House Races”

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“Strange Days Indeed: The 2006 Texas Governor’s Race”

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“Information and Voting Accuracy”

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PANEL 7B: CAMPAIGN FINANCE POLICY (Saturday, 1:45 pm, Room 3.110)

Chair/Discussant: Gerald C. Wright, Indiana University, wright1@indiana.edu

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“The Effects of Campaign Finance Laws on Interest Group Contribution Strategies in State Elections”

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Rhonda L. Wrzenski, Louisiana State University, rwrzen1@lsu.edu

“Does Campaign Finance Reform Influence State Alcohol Policy?”

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“Connecting Contributors: Contribution Networks in State Legislative Elections”

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“Campaign Finance, Elections and Policy: N=50 at www.followthemoney.org”

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“Are Women’s PACs ‘Seeding’ the Field?”

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