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Michigan Conference of Political Scientists  
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# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Delta College Planetarium & Learning Center  
*100 Center Avenue, Bay City, MI*

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## **THURSDAY SCHEDULE**

1:30-6 p.m. Registration

## **PANELS**

### **Thursday, 2:30-3:45 p.m.**

#### **A. Religion & Politics (Roundtable)**

*(Room 223)*

Dennis Duggan, North Central Michigan College – Panel chair

*“The Relationship between Conservative Christian Attitudes on Women’s Ordination and Female Political Candidates”*

- Jason Miller, Andrews University

*“The Effects of New Paradigm Churches on Political Attitudes and Participation”*

- Robert Moore, Delta College

*“President Obama at Notre Dame: Winners and Losers During this Religious and Political Showdown”*

- Dennis Duggan, North Central Michigan College

#### **B. Will newspapers survive? Can democracy survive without them? (Roundtable)**

*(Room 221)*

Ken Winter, North Central Michigan College – Panel Chair

- Mike MacLaren, Executive Director, Michigan Press Association
- Jack Telfer, Editor, *Midland Daily News*
- Karen Randolph, Associate Professor of English and former *Delta Collegiate* faculty advisor, Delta College

**Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m.**

**A. Voting Behavior: Perspectives on the 2008 Election (Roundtable discussion)**

*(Room 221)*

Kevin Dockerty, Kalamazoo Valley Community College – Panel Chair

- Chris Owens, Central Michigan University
- David Dulio, Oakland University
- John Clark, Western Michigan University

**B. Service Learning/Civil Engagement (Research panel)**

*(Room 223)*

Kimberly Klein, Delta College – Panel Chair

*“Civic Engagement and Service Learning as Catalysts for Improving Graduation Outcomes in Inner-City High Schools”*

- Tal Levy, Marygrove College

*“What is ‘Civic Engagement’ and how does it relate to college general education requirements?”*

- Joanna Sabo, Monroe County Community College

*“Why Academic Service Learning Does Matter”*

- Nancy Vader-McCormick, Delta College

**C. Civil Wars & Insurgencies (Research panel)**

*(Room 215)*

Timothy Allen Carter, Wayne State University – Panel Chair

Volker Krause, Eastern Michigan University – Discussant

*“Ethnic Rebellion, State Repression, and Civil War Onset, 1974-2000”*

- Volker Krause, Eastern Michigan University and Susumu Suzuki, Wayne State University

*“The Taliban's Military Choices: An Empirical Test of Fatal Insurgent Tactics in Afghanistan”*

- Timothy Carter, Wayne State University and Susumu Suzuki, Wayne State University

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*“Weather, Terrain, and Warfare: Insurgent Attacks in Afghanistan”*

- Timothy Carter, Wayne State University and Daniel Veale, Wayne State University

*“War's Other Tragic Events: An Examination of Non-Hostile Fatalities in Afghanistan”*

- Timothy Carter, Wayne State University and Michael Langlois, Wayne State University

**6:30 Dinner and Keynote address**

*(Space Explorers Hall)*

**Keynote speaker:** Dr. Mack Mariani, assistant professor of political science at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Mariani is the co-author of *Diverging Parties* and co-editor of the *Insider's Guide to Political Internships*. His research has appeared in *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, *Politics and Gender*, *Comparative State Politics* and the *Journal of Terrorism and Political Violence*.

**8:30 p.m. Optional Planetarium show, \$5.** Show title: *“Greatest Wonders of the Universe”*



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## **FRIDAY SCHEDULE**

8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration

## **PANELS**

### **Friday, 9-10:15 a.m.**

#### **A. The Future of Public Administration: New Skills, Growing Trends, and Changes Ahead (Research panel)**

*(Room 221)*

Bruce Nanzer, Aquinas College – Panel chair

*“Executive Transitions in the Nonprofit Sector: What Do We Need to Know?”*

- David L. Clifford, Ph.D., Eastern Michigan University
- Claudia Petrescu, Ph.D., Eastern Michigan University

*“Recall Politics and the Open Meetings Act”*

- Richard Conboy, Lake Superior State University

*“Sustainability in public/nonprofit administration” (presentation)*

- Bruce Nanzer, Aquinas College

#### **B. Civil Rights (Research panel)**

*(Room 215)*

Lisa Lawrason, Delta College – Panel chair

*“The talented 10<sup>th</sup> or the failure of African American political leadership?”*

- Adrian Lottie, Eastern Michigan University

*“By Our Own Strength: William Sherrill and the Politics of Black Self-Determination in Detroit”*

- Kenneth Jolly, Saginaw Valley State University

#### **C. Socialism: Past and Present (Research panel)**

*(Room 223)*

Judy Kullberg, Eastern Michigan University – Panel chair

*“Failed Socialism and Failed Capitalism: The Case of Tanzania”*

- Sterling Johnson, Central Michigan University

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*"The Leftward Turn in Latin America"*

- Orlando J. Perez, Central Michigan University

*"Anticapitalism in the Americas: The Zapatista Vision"*

- Richard Stahler-Sholk, Eastern Michigan University

*"After the Fall: Images of Socialism in Contemporary Russia"*

- Judith Kullberg, Eastern Michigan University

**Friday, 10:30 a.m.-11:45**

**A. Post-American World (Roundtable)**

*(Room 223)*

Ryan Petersen, Delta College – Panel chair

- Orlando Perez, Central Michigan University
- Sterling Johnson, Central Michigan University
- Stewart French, Saginaw Valley State University
- James Pfister, Eastern Michigan University

**B. Supreme Court (Roundtable)**

*(Room 221)*

Joyce Baugh, Central Michigan University – Panel chair

- Christopher Smith, Michigan State University
- Melissa Garmo, Saginaw Valley State University

**C. Student Research Paper Panel**

*(Room 215)*

Robert Moore, Delta College – Panel chair

*"African American Youth: An Analysis of Political and Electoral Participation."*

- James Garner II, Central Michigan University

*"Who Wins: Money, Reputation and Incumbency in Genessee County, Michigan"*

- Ben Strickland, University of Michigan-Flint

**Lunch and Keynote speaker: Noon-2 p.m.**

*(Space Explorers Hall)*

**Keynote speaker:** Hon. Andy Coulouris, state representative for Michigan's 95<sup>th</sup> House District (representing the city of Saginaw, as well as parts of Saginaw County, including Bridgeport, Buena Vista and Spaulding Townships). Coulouris serves on the Banking and Financial Services, Health Policy, Judiciary and Tax policy committees in the Michigan House of Representatives.

**PANELS**

**Friday, 2-3:30**

**A. International Relations (Research panel)**

*(Room 221)*

Roger Durham, Aquinas College –Panel Chair

*“Amputation and Rape as Weapons of War”*

- Julie Keil, Saginaw Valley State University

*“The Philosophical Underpinnings in Classical and Contemporary Law in China”*

- Lee Trepanier, Saginaw Valley State University
- Kirsten Whitlock, Saginaw Valley State University

*“Political Instability, Poverty and Piracy: Somalia”*

- Sterling Johnson, Central Michigan University

*"Analysis of International Law and Will: A Comparison of Counter-Revolution and Counter-Terror Policies"*

- Will Eberle and Roger Durham, Aquinas College

**B. Michigan Politics Roundtable**

*(Room 223)*

John Parham, Davenport University – Panel Chair

## **Congratulations! To our 2009 student paper award recipients:**

### ***Best paper by a community college student***

- Kara Bujak, Kalamazoo Valley Community College (nominated by professor Kevin Dockerty)

### ***Best paper by an undergraduate student (4-year college)***

- Jason Miller, Andrews University (nominated by professor Marcella Myers)

### ***Best paper by a graduate student (presented at the 2009 meeting)***

- James Garner II, Central Michigan University

#### **About the Best Paper Awards**

The MCPS Undergraduate Paper Award are awarded annually to the author/s of the best undergraduate paper submitted to meet the requirements of an undergraduate political science course taught in the state of Michigan. Candidates are nominated by the professor teaching the respective course. Two awards are given: one for community college students, and one for four-year college or university students. Only students from current member institutions will be eligible for these awards. The deadline for submission is July 1 each year.

The MCPS Graduate Paper Award will be awarded annually to the author/s of the best paper presented at that year's MCPS conference. To be considered for the award, a paper must be submitted to the conference organizer one month before the meeting. The paper must be presented as part of the official program of the conference. All participating graduate students are eligible for this award.

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