
10th Annual Meeting of the Great Plains Political Science Association

*Supporting the academic study of political
science and public affairs*

Minnesota State University, Mankato
Mankato, Minnesota
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Location: Centennial Student Union

8:00-9:00 **Registration and Welcome**
(Coffee and Rolls Provided)

9:00-10:30 **Panel Session I**

Panel I:1 **Democracy and Theory** **(CSU 201: Seating Room)**

“Privacy and Public Policy: Illustrations from the Supreme Court ”
Jenna Watt , University of Nebraska at Kearney

“State Constitutionalism from the Great Plains: Meaning from the Federalist Paper ”
Peter Longo, University of Nebraska at Kearney

“The Roots of Rural Democracy in Ancient Greece”
Gary Aguiar, South Dakota State University

Chair/Discussant:

Jackie Vieceli, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Panel I:2 **Public Administration** **(CSU 202: Cooper Room)**

“Leadership and Management: Another Dichotomy of Public Administration”
Matthew R. Fairholm, University of South Dakota

“Exploring the Faustian Bargain: New Governance in Public Sector Delivery”
Regina H. Winters, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Chair/Discussant:

Avra Johnson, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Panel 1:3 Political Science Potpourri (CSU 204: Nichols Room)

“Why should I Get Involved? Sense of Community and Student Involvement on the UNK Campus”
Martin Demoret, University of Nebraska at Kearney

“Bush-Whacked: Policy Implications of the No Child Left Behind Act on Political Science Curriculum”
Mark M. Springer, University of Mary
Jon L. Brudvig, University of Mary

“An Approach to Reducing Error in Ordinal-Level Survey Data”
Scott Granberg-Rademacker, Minnesota State Mankato

Chair/Discussant:

Joe Blankenau, Wayne State College

10:45-12:15 Panel Session II

**Panel 2:1 Public Opinion and Political Candidates
(CSU 210: Searing Room)**

“An Examination of Leadership Selection Process in a Low Informational Scenario: Cognitive Strength Level of Political Ideological Identification Versus Usage of In-Group Identifiers”
Thomas Koperski, University of Nebraska at Lincoln

“The Effects of Approval Ratings on Presidential Media Coverage”
Michael Gruszczynski, University of Nebraska at Kearney

“Candidate Behavior and Electoral Outcomes in State Legislative Elections”
Michael Miller, Cornell University

Chair/Discussant:

Chris Larimer, University of Northern Iowa

**Panel 2:2 Roundtable Discussion and
Open Forum
(CSU 203: Daniel Buck Room)**

“Exploring the Intersection of Political Activism and Political Science”

Panelists:

Jackie Viecei, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Fred Slocum, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Peter Longo, University of Nebraska at Kearney

12:15-2:15 **Luncheon and Keynote
Address
(CSU 253/254/255)**

“The Political Economy of School Choice.” Presented by Dr. John Witte, Professor of Public Affairs and Political Science at the Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin at Madison.

2:15-2:45pm **Business Meeting
(CSU 201: Searing Room)**

2:45-4:15 **Panel Session III**

Panel 3:1 **International/Comparative
Politics
(CSU 201: Searing Room)**

“Political Outfoxing vs. Economic Realpolitik: A Rationale Behind DPRK-PRC Souring Relations”
Jiang Maorong, Creighton University

“Symbolic Politics: An Evolutionary and Psychological Approach to Symbolism and Ethnic Conflict”
Tyler White, University of Nebraska at Lincoln

“Institutional Economics of Co-operation and the Political Economy of Trust”
Jose Vargas-Hernandez, Instituto Tecnológico de Cd. Guzman

Chair/Discussant:
Eiji Kawabata, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Panel 3:2 **Public Policy
(CSU 202: Cooper Room)**

“Working Safely or Safely Working? The Dialogue Between Nevada and Legal Workers Regarding Workplace Safety and Worker’s Rights”
Cheryl Radeloff, Minnesota State University, Mankato
N. Mark Rauls, Community College of Southern Nevada

“Linking Environmentalism to Civic Society: Understanding the Larger Social Issue”
Joe Blankenau, Wayne State College

“Access to Rural Health Care: The Case of the Open Door Health Center”
Sonya McNamara, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Chair/Discussant:

Scott Granberg-Rademacker, Minnesota State Mankato

Panel 3:3 **State Politics**
(CSU 204: Nichols Room)

“Analysis of the Impact of the Help America Vote Act on Voter Turnout in Minnesota”
Stacey Springer, University of Nebraska at Lincoln

“An Unlikely Winner: The Re-election Campaign of Sioux Falls Mayor Dave Munson”
Kermit Staggers, University of Sioux Falls

“Effectiveness of the Minnesota Political Contribution Refund Program: An Analysis of Minnesota State Hour of Representatives Elections from 1986-2002”
Matt Little, University of Minnesota at Morris

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