

PROGRAM

THE CITADEL SYMPOSIUM ON SOUTHERN POLITICS

THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 2020

Panel Session I: 8:30-9:45 A.M.

Panel A: Race, Gender, and Society in the South (228 MCH)

“The Shadow of *Brown v. Board*: An Unequal South” — Esteban Cepero and Lexi Potter (both Florida Southern College)

“The Impact of the Method of Judicial Selection on Racial Disparities in Conviction Rates — Lauren Lassiter and Alexandra Zimmer (both Florida Southern College)

“A Study of Women’s Roles in Politics Seen Through the History of the Civil Rights Movement” — Ethan Kellner (Florida Southern College)

“The Rise of Republicanism in the South” — Brock Townsend (Florida Southern College)

Discussants: Kristina M. LaPlant (University of Wisconsin-La Crosse) and Keith E. Lee (Georgia College)

Panel Session II: 10:00-11:30 A.M.

Panel B: Realignment in Southern States (230 MCH)

“Racial Attitudes and Partisan Change in the Appalachians and Upper South” — Brian Arbour (John Jay College, CUNY)

“Inequality, Asymmetric Polarization, and the South” — Andrew J. Taylor (North Carolina State University)

“The Changing Senior Population in Florida: The Real Base of the Trump Coalition” — Matthew Corrigan, Michael Pomante, and Austin Trantham (all Jacksonville University)

Discussants: Irwin L. Morris (North Carolina State University) and Joseph A. Aistrup (Auburn University)

Panel C: The South in Congress (228 MCH)

“More than the Grim Reaper: A Perspective on Mitch McConnell’s Role in the Nullification of the Obama Presidency” — Stephanie L. Williams (University of South Florida)

“The Senate, the South, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965” — Gabriella Hesse (Florida Southern College)

“The Congressional Campaigns of Bill Nelson of Florida” — Philip A. Grant, Jr. (Pace University)

“Outlier or Harbinger?: Is Virginia’s New Democratic General Assembly A Sign of Things to Come in the South or Proof That Virginia Is Not a Southern State?” — John J. McGlennon (College of William and Mary)

Discussants: Jordan M. Ragusa (College of Charleston) and Christopher Cooper (Western Carolina University)

Panel Session III: 1:15-2:45 P.M.

Panel D: State Elections (230 MCH)

“Regional Effects on Support for Election Reforms” — Aubrey Kelley, Scott Lasley, Joel F. Turner, and Jeffrey Kash (all Western Kentucky University)

“A Matter of Electoral Convenience: Early Voting in North Carolina, 2004-2018” — J. Michael Bitzer (Catawba College)

“Not at My Poll: Explaining South/Non-South Differences in Voting Access” — Martin Mayer (University of North Carolina at Pembroke), John C. Morris, Joseph A. Aistrup, Kathleen Hale, and Jan Hume (all Auburn University)

“Progressive Groups and the Recruitment of First-time Female Candidates in Georgia” — Elizabeth Ellen Gordon (Kennesaw State University)

Discussants: Brian Arbour (John Jay College, CUNY) and Todd G. Shields (University of Arkansas)

Panel E: Contemporary Issues in Southern Politics (228 MCH)

“Fair Fight: Near Misses in the Race for the Governorship of Florida and Georgia, 2018” — Leah Hutton Blumenfeld (Barry University)

“Explaining Gubernatorial Success in Florida, 1901-2018” — Robert Crew and Alexandra Cockerham (both Florida State University)

“Evaluating Representation in the South: the Cases of Georgia and Kentucky” — Mary Adams (Western Kentucky University)

“Privacy Rights and Southern Constitutions” — William Gillespie (Kennesaw State University)

Thursday, Panel Session III, continued: 1:15-2:45 P.M.

Discussants: H. Gibbs Knotts (College of Charleston) and Matthew Gunning (Georgia Gwinnett College)

Panel Session IV: 3:00-4:30 P.M.

Panel F: Southern Voting Behavior (230 MCH)

“A Change Is Gonna Come: The Impact of the Voter Education Project” — LaRaven A. Temoney (University of Florida)

“Party and Gender in Competition for Solicitor’s Office in the Modern Two-Party Era in South Carolina, 1966 to 2018” — Dan G. Ruff (Midlands Technical College)

“Public Funding for Judicial Elections: Does it Make a Difference, Especially for Diverse Candidates? A Case Study in North Carolina” — Tara S. Myers (Kennesaw State University)

“The Failure of Southern Labor Organizing During the 1930s and 1940s and Its Implications for Contemporary Politics — Michael Goldfield (Wayne State University) and Cody R. Melcher (CUNY)

Discussants: R. Bruce Anderson (Florida Southern College) and Donald L. Fowler (University of South Carolina)

Panel G: Environmental and Criminal Issues in the South (228 MCH)

“Environmental Consciousness in the States: A Southward View” — Kaitlynn Swanbeck and Catherine Stogner, (both Florida Southern College)

“Tough on Crime: An Analysis of Crime Reports and State Partisanship” — Nelson Hill (Florida Southern College)

“Social Complacency: An Explanation of Southern Strictness in Social Laws” — Kevin Medina (Florida Southern College)

“Spend My Dollar, Parked in a Holler: Human Capital in the South” — Morgan McDermott and Brayden Lacefield (both Florida Southern College)

Discussants: James T. LaPlant (Valdosta State University) and Scott Segrest (The Citadel)

FRIDAY, 6 MARCH 2020

Panel Session V: 8:30-10:00 A.M.

Panel H: Partisanship and Migration in the South (230 MCH)

“The Delayed Republican Realignment of Rural White Southerners” — Sean F. Evans (Union University)

“Electing Wilder, Electing Fairfax: African-American Statewide Candidates and Virginia's Political Transformation” — Mark J. Rozell (George Mason University)

“Movers and Stayers and the Transformation of Southern Partisanship” — Irwin L. Morris (North Carolina State University)

“The South: Growth Versus Stagnation and Partisan Change” — Charles S. Bullock, III (University of Georgia)

Discussants: David Rohde (Duke University) and Seth C. McKee (Texas Tech University)

Panel I: Public Policy (228 MCH)

“Explaining State Differences in Firearm Legislation: A South/Non-South Analysis” — Robert Kenter (Old Dominion University), John C. Morris (Auburn University), and Martin Mayer (University of North Carolina at Pembroke)

“Christmas Trees, Presidents, and Mass Shootings: Explaining Gun Purchases in the South and Non-South” — Kristina M. LaPlant (University of Wisconsin-La Crosse) and James T. LaPlant (Valdosta State University)

“The Role of Identity, Region, and Race in Attitudes about Gun Regulation Policy” — Xavier Medina Vidal, Rocío A. Páez, and Todd G. Shields (all University of Arkansas)

“Disaster Politics in Deep South: The Changing Face of Vulnerability in the Aftermath of the DWH Oil Spill” — Tonya Thornton Neaves (George Mason University)

Discussants: John C. Morris (Auburn University) and John M. Theilmann (Converse College)

Panel Session VI: 10:30-11:45 A.M.

Panel J: Regionalism and Voting Behavior (230 MCH)

“The Political Implications of Southern Regional Identification in Kentucky, Missouri, and West Virginia” — Joel F. Turner, Jeffrey Kash, Scott Lasley (all Western Kentucky University) and Scott E. Buchanan (The Citadel)

Friday, Panel Session VI, continued: 10:30-11:45 A.M.

“Winning at the Margins: Microtargeting to Win Florida in 2020” — Susan A. MacManus (University of South Florida, Emerita) and Amy Benner (Rutgers University)

“The Black Widow of Alabama Politics: Sibyl Pool Becomes Secretary of State” — Karen L. Owen and Thomas R. Hunter (both University of West Georgia)

“The Southern Voter” — Christopher Cooper (Western Carolina University), Scott Huffmon (Winthrop University), H. Gibbs Knotts (College of Charleston), and Seth C. McKee (Texas Tech University)

Discussants: J. Christopher Grant (Mercer University) and Samuel M. Hines (The Citadel)

Panel K: Southern Elections in the 2010s (228 MCH)

“Debate Effects in the Texas Electorate: When There are ‘More Candidates Than You Can Shake a Stick At’” — Kenneth Bryant, Jr., Mark Owens, and Ken Wink (all The University of Texas at Tyler)

“The Splintered South in 21st Century Presidential Politics: A Reappraisal” — Thomas F. Eamon (East Carolina University)

“Presidential Republicanism and Democratic Darn Near Everything Else” — M.V. Hood, III (University of Georgia) and Seth C. McKee (Texas Tech University)

“How Much Does Distance Matter to Voters? Changes to Early Voting Site Locations and the Impact on Voters in North Carolina’s 2018 General Election” — J. Michael Bitzer (Catawba College) and Tyler Dukes (Duke University)

Discussants: Scott Huffmon (Winthrop University) and Mark J. Rozell (George Mason University)

Panel Session VII: 1:45-3:00 P.M.

Panel L: Roundtable on the 2020 Elections (230 MCH)

J. Michael Bitzer	(Catawba College)
Charles S. Bullock, III	(University of Georgia)
John A. Clark	(Western Michigan University)
Susan A. MacManus	(University of South Florida, Emerita)
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