

FRIDAY, 8 MARCH 2024

Panel Session V: 8:45-10:15 A.M.

Panel I: Finding a Renewed Southern Identity (228 MCH)

“Revisiting the Resilience of Southern Identity” — Christopher A. Cooper (Western Carolina University), Scott H. Huffmon (Winthrop University), H. Gibbs Knotts (College of Charleston), and Seth C. McKee (Oklahoma State University)

“The Emerging Mega-States: North Carolina and Georgia” — Thomas F. Eamon (East Carolina University)

“Same Tears, New Lines: Political and Cultural Shifts in the American South” — Drew Kurlowski (Coastal Carolina University)

Discussant: Jordan Ragusa (College of Charleston)

Panel J: Partisan Realignment in the South (230 MCH)

“The 1990s Party realignment in U.S. Presidential Elections: Was the South the Leader or Follower?” — Joe Aistrup, Binita Mahato, John C. Morris (all Auburn University)

“The Nationalization of Southern Politics, 1980-2022” — Alan Abramowitz (Emory University), John McGlennon, and Ronald Rapoport (both College of William and Mary)

“The Dynamics of Partisan Change in Arkansas” — John C. Davis (University of Arkansas)

Discussant: Nicholas Howard (Concordia College)

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

Panel K: Cabinet-level and Judicial Politics in the South (228 MCH)

“The Racial Integration of the Alabama Bench” — David Hughes and Nathan Jordan (both Auburn University at Montgomery)

“Peach State Judicial Integrity: An Overview of the Georgia replacement of the Judicial Qualifications Commission” — Mariliz Kastberg-Leonard (Northwest Missouri State University)

“Shoe Leather Wins Victory: Agnes Baggett Begins Her Record-Breaking Career in Alabama Politics” — Thomas Hunter and Karen Owen (both University of West Georgia)

Discussant: Michael Bitzer (Catawba College)

Panel L: Local Decisions in the South (228 MCH)

“Regional Contrasts in County-Level Public Management: Cultural Influences and Administrative Dynamics” — Keith E. Lee and Joseph Robbins (both Valdosta State University)

“State-level Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Comprehensive Examination of Policy Adoption and De-adoption in the South vs. Non-South States” — Deepika Chandel, Joseph A. Aistrup, and John C. Morris (all Auburn University)

“Internships and Higher Education: A Unique Challenge in the South” — Tara W. Stricko (Kennesaw State University)

Discussant: Jordan Carr Peterson (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

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

Panel M: Roundtable on the 2024 Elections (230 MCH)

Alan Abramowitz	(Emory University)
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)
John J. McGlennon	(College of William and Mary)
Seth McKee	(Oklahoma State University)

About This Symposium

The Citadel’s Department of Political Science is pleased to sponsor the 46th anniversary of The Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, which offers two days of scholarship focusing on original research and writing and panel discussions devoted to the study of that work. This year’s program features thirteen panels of scholarly presentation on various aspects of southern politics.

The Symposium was founded in 1978 by Robert P. Steed, Tod A. Baker, and Laurence W. Moreland, and has been held biennially since that year. In 2004, DuBose Kapeluck joined the Symposium as a co-director. In 2009, Scott E. Buchanan became the executive director of the Symposium. In 2023, Mark Owens became co-director of the Symposium.

Drs. Kapeluck and Owens wish to acknowledge the long-standing support from The Citadel’s senior administration and the generosity from the RCP Endowment that the Symposium has enjoyed.

Finally, we would like to thank each and every presenter for your continued support for the Symposium. We could not do this without you.

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Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, 7 March 2024

8:00 AM (ongoing)

Registration, 2nd floor lobby,
Mark Clark Hall (MCH)

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM PANEL SESSION I

Panel A: Cultural Issues in the South (228 MCH)
Panel B: History in the South (230 MCH)

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM PANEL SESSION II

Panel C: From the Backrow (228 MCH)
Panel D: A Decade of Changes in the South (230 MCH)

Noon – 1:00 PM LUNCHEON
Swain Boating Center

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM PANEL SESSION III

Panel E: Undergraduate Panel I (228 MCH)
Panel F: Catalysts for Political Rhetoric & Victory (230 MCH)

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM PANEL SESSION IV

Panel G: Undergraduate Panel II (228 MCH)
Panel H: Partisan Attachment in the Region (230 MCH)

4:45 PM – 6:00 PM RECEPTION
Capers Courtyard

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South Carolina Corps of Cadets
Retreat Parade

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Panel A: Cultural Issues in the South (228 MCH)

“Predicting State Policy Actions in the Wake of the Dobbs Decision: A South/Non-South Comparison” — Joseph A. Aistrup, John C. Morris (both Auburn University), Martin K. Mayer (University of North Carolina at Pembroke), R. Bruce Anderson (Florida Southern College), and Robert C. Kenter (Center for Policing Equity)

“Gender Queer, Flamer, and the Bluest Eye: An Analysis of School Book Bans in the South and Non-South” — James T. LaPlant and Susan B. LaPlant (both of Valdosta State University)

“Standing in the Schoolhouse Door? Southern State Legislator Behavior and the Regulation of Contentious Subject Matter in Public Education” — Wayde Z.C. Marsh and Jordan Carr Peterson (both University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

Discussant: Joel Turner (Western Kentucky University)

Panel B: History in the South and why it has mattered (230 MCH)

“Public Art and the Public Square in the Rural Deep South” — Jocelyn Evans (University of West Florida) and Keith Gaddie (Texas Christian University)

“Lynchings and Black Wealth in Four Southern States: Testing for Immediate Effects and Long-Term Consequences” — Adam Chamberlain (Coastal Carolina University) and Alixandra B. Yanus (Appalachian State University)

“Unpacking the re-emergence of White supremacist groups: The case of the 1960s Ku Klux Klan” — Trellace Lawrimore (New York University)

Discussant: Christopher Cooper (Western Carolina University)

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

Panel C: Roundtable on From the Backrow, Georgia’s Golden Years of Politics: Adopting the Lottery, Changing the State Flag, and Navigating Political Feuds (228 MCH)

Hon. Tim Golden (Valdosta State University, Georgia Senate 1999-2015)

James LaPlant (Valdosta State University)
Keith Lee (Valdosta State University)

Discussant: R. Keith Gaddie (Texas Christian University)

Panel D: Roundtable on A Decade of Changes in the South: Implications for the 2024 Election Cycle (230 MCH)

Amy Benner (Rutgers University)
Charles S. Bullock III (University of Georgia)
Susan A. MacManus (University of South Florida, Emerita)
Mark J. Rozell (George Mason University)

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

Panel E: Undergraduate Panel I (228 MCH)

“Party in the City: The distinction of partisanship in Southern municipal elections” — Payton Burns and Joseph Emde (both The Citadel)

“Diversity of City Halls in the South compared to the rest of the Country: Is it the size of a City Council or the Population?” — John Roberts and Xavier Skillings (both The Citadel)

“Pre-emption of Local Authority in the South: Party, Race, or Urban/Rural Values?” — Lily Arnold, Cadem MacMillan, Sam Roth, Kavi Shah and Dana Smith (all College of William & Mary)

Discussant: Jocelyn Evans (University of West Florida)

Panel F: Southern Voting Behavior (230 MCH)

“Revved Up or Bummed Out: Twitter Messaging and the 2021 US Senate Runoffs in Georgia” — Elizabeth Gordon, Tavishi Bhasin, Charity Butcher, and Maia Hallward (all Kennesaw State University)

“Assessing the Impact of U.S. Representative Jim Clyburn’s Endorsement of Joe Biden in the 2020 South Carolina Presidential Primary” — David R. White (Francis Marion University)

“It’s All Rigged Anyway: Southern Identification, Conspiratorial Thinking and Opinion on Electoral Reforms” — Joel Turner, Scott Lasley, and Jeff Kash (all Western Kentucky University)

“A reshaped ladder? Southern States and US Representatives’ progressive ambition” — Nicholas O. Howard (Concordia College) and Mark Owens (The Citadel)

Discussants: R. Bruce Anderson (Florida Southern College) and Keith Lee (Valdosta State University)

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

Panel G: Undergraduate Panel II (228 MCH)

“Southern Soldiers: Examining the South’s Unequal Contribution to the United States Military” — Cade Butler, David Ferrell, and Sophia Grace Posick (all Florida Southern College)

“Coding and Decrypting African American Music in a Political Context” — Nicole Munoz, Brandi Oliver, and Chris Metzler (all Florida Southern College)

“Economic, political, and social factors which contribute to the singularity of the Black Belt states” — Alex Mathieson, Adam Cvik, and Daniel Perli (all Florida Southern College)

“Underrepresentation of women in state electoral offices in the American South” — Shannyn Barnett, Maddy Bowman, and Alisia Francisco (all Florida Southern College)

“The Southern Strategy: A Look Through Time” — Solana M. Millik and Isaac Wardyn (all Florida Southern College)

Discussants: Wayde Marsh (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) and Joe Aistrup (Auburn University)

Panel H: Partisan Attachment in the Region (230 MCH)

“Population Dynamics and Partisan Attachment: Is Southern Politics Still Distinctive?” — Irwin Morris (North Carolina State University)

“What Happens When Two Tectonic Plates in a Political Region Rub Against One Another? An Exploration of Generational Politics in the Growth vs. Stagnant U.S. South” — J. Michael Bitzer (Catawba College)

“Who Registered Unaffiliated? Evidence from Florida and North Carolina” — M.V. (Trey) Hood (University of Georgia), Seth McKee (Oklahoma State University), Enrijeta Shino (University of Alabama), and Daniel A. Smith (University of Florida)

“Trump Country: The Role of Rural Voters in Alabama and Georgia” — Bruce L. Blair (University of Alabama) and Scott E. Buchanan (Georgia College and State University)

“Bridging the Rural/Urban Divide: Partisan Geography, Redistricting, and the Voting Rights Act” — Samantha White, Allison Vick, and John Theilmann (all Converse University)

Discussants: John Clark (Western Michigan University) and Scott Huffmon (Winthrop University)