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Welcome from the GPSA Conference Chair

On behalf of the entire GPSA Executive Board, I welcome you to Savannah and thank you for participating in the 2017 GPSA Annual Conference. This year we decided to focus on the politics of identity as the theme for this year’s conference. The study of politics is highlighted by like-minded people coming together to attempt to get their desires on the agenda of policymakers and governmental officials. As such, we often find individuals placing themselves into political and social categories. These identity groups become the catalyst for political action and change on a local, state and national level. Politically speaking, party, race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, religion, partisan identification and many other identities affect the way that we interact with others and our perceptions about how the world works, and our place, relative to others, in that world. However, it is not only our group identity, but the intersection of these identities that are critical to the understanding of in-group and out-group behaviors.

Since 2008, there has been a drastic shift towards identity politics becoming more prominent in our political discourse. Though identity politics have been a consistent part of the congressional-presidential relationship since 2008, the 2016 Presidential election has brought the issue of identity/group politics to the forefront of political conversation, on both a national and international level. As groups begin to mobilize for political change (both in favor, and against the preservation of the status quo), gaining a more complete understanding of how identity politics has, and continues, to shape the political process is critical to the continued relevancy of political science.

In addition, the consequences of identity politics are critical to the viability of our very democracy. Identification with members who are similar to you can increase political solidarity, and thus the likelihood of political participation and engagement. However, it can also serve as a divisive tool that highlights difference and drives divisions (both political and social) between groups competing for limited governmental resources. The dichotomy of “us” versus “them” continues to challenge the study of political science and presents both challenges and opportunities related to understanding intergroup bias, prejudice and discrimination and potentially overcoming these political and social challenges.

The 2016 election highlighted the power of group identity to shape our electoral outcomes; but it also fostered an environment that has challenged us, as a nation, to break down barriers to communication and conversation. How do we create space to have dialogue across the various areas of identity? What do we make of free speech during a time where certain groups feel vulnerable as a result of national conversations over controversial topics? Are there some groups that don’t deserve to be protected, or who lack political legitimacy? These questions become critical to the preservation and advancement of our democracy as we move forward.
In summation, the answers to these questions can serve as a lens for understanding political conflict, voting behavior, social movements, party identification, immigration, LGBT issues, political socialization, political communication, income inequality, and a myriad of other relevant political, social and economic areas. I welcome conversation that helps us towards the answers to these challenging questions and may this serve as a reminder that there is more that we have in common, than that which separates us.

Sincerely,

Matthew L. Hipps

Matthew L. Hipps
2017 Conference Chair and Vice President
Associate Professor of Political Science
Chair, Center for Student Transitions
AASCU Economic Inequality National Scholar
AASCU Global Challenges National Scholar
GPSA 2017 Conference Schedule

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Conference Registration & Check-In, 1:00-2:15 P.M.
Hilton Garden Lobby

Regents Advisory Committee Meeting, 2:00-4:00 P.M.
Grand Salon

GPSA Executive Board Meeting, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Grand Salon

GPSA President’s Welcome Reception, 6:00-7:30 P.M.
Hilton Garden Lobby

Opening Conference Session
Conference Session #1: 2:30-3:45

Session 1.1: Current Issues in the European Union, Student Roundtable Summit

Session 1.2: Undergraduate Research Panel I
Amber

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Hilton Garden Lobby

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*Cobalt*

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Session 6.2
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*Cobalt*

Session 7.3
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2:30 P.M- 3:45 P.M.

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Room: Summit
Panel Chair and Discussant: Chris Bourdouvalis, Augusta University

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Roundtable Session 2.1: Bruce Frohnen’s Constitutional Morality and the Rise of Quasi Law (Harvard University Press)
Room: Cobalt
Panel Chair: H. Lee Cheek, Jr., East Georgia State College

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Panel Chair and Discussant: Megan Hauser, University of North Georgia

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**Room:** Summit

**Panel Chair:** Matthew Hipps, Dalton State College

**Discussant:** Seth Weitz, Dalton State College

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Panel Chair and Discussant: Tom Rotnem, Kennesaw State University

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Tom Rotnem
Chris Bourdouvalis
Tinaz Pavri
Craig Albert

Institution
Kennesaw State University
Augusta University
Spelman College
Augusta University

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Room: Amber
Panel Chair and Discussant: Jose De Cruz, Armstrong State University

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**Panel Chair and Discussant:** Mario Bennekin, Georgia State University

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Craig Douglas Albert

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The Danger of Normalizing Misogyny
Room: Summit
Panel Chair and Discussant: Tamra Ortgies-Young, Georgia State University

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Crystal Garrett
Georgia State University

Jeannie Grussendorf
Georgia State University

Brandy Kennedy
Georgia College & State University

Eleanor Morris
Agnes Scott University

Annmari Robinson
Georgia State University

11:45-1:15 P.M. Lunch: On your Own
1:30-5:00 P.M. Conference Registration & Check-In, Hilton Garden Lobby
1:30-2:30 P.M. Keynote Speaker: Bruce Frohnen
Ohio Northern University College of Law
Room: Grand Salon

KEYNOTE SPEAKER PROFILE
“Master, Slave, or Ally: State, Civil Society, and the Politics of Recognition?

Bruce P. Frohnen holds the Ella and Ernest Fisher Chair at the Law School. Prior to joining ONU Law in 2008 he served as a Legislative Aide for a United States Senator, as a Visiting Scholar at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and as Secretary and Director of Program at the Earhart Foundation. He has held visiting posts as Charles Evans Hughes Professor of Jurisprudence at Colgate University and as Thomas Bahnson and Anne Bassett Stanley Professor of Ethics and Integrity at the Virginia Military Institute.

Professor Frohnen’s most recent book, Constitutional Morality and the Rise of Quasi-Law, co-authored with George W. Carey, was published in 2016 by Harvard University Press. He is the author of two other books, and editor or co-editor of eight. His co-edited volume American Conservatism: An Encyclopedia was the subject of a front page article in the New York Times. His two most recent volumes, The American Nation: Primary Sources and Rethinking Rights (edited with Kenneth Grasso) were named Outstanding Academic Titles by Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries. His articles have appeared in journals including the George Washington Law Review, Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy, and the American Journal of Jurisprudence. In 2015 he received the Fowler V. Harper Award for Excellence in Legal Scholarship.

Professor Frohnen teaches a variety of courses in public and commercial law. His research focuses on the development of constitutionalism, rights, and the rule of law. He holds a J.D. from Emory University Law School and a Ph.D. in Government from Cornell University.

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Concurrent Session #4  
2:45 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.

Roundtable Session 4.1: Greg Domin Roundtable on the Presidency  
Donald Trump’s First 300 Days as President  
Room: Habersham  
Panel Chair and Discussant: Adam Stone, Georgia State University

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Session 4.2: Political Thought & Theory  
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Panel Chair and Discussant: Lee M. Allen, Valdosta State University

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**Session 4.3: International Relations: Theory & Practice**

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**Panel Chair and Discussant:** Amit Gupta, USAF War College

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**Panel Chair and Discussant:** Karen Owen, University of West Georgia
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**Panel Chair and Discussant:** Mario Bennekin, Georgia State University

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**Coffee Break, 4:00-4:30 P.M., Hilton Garden Inn Lobby**
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Session 5.1: Exploring American Political Institutions
Room: Habersham
Panel Chair and Discussant: John LeJeune, Georgia Southwestern State University

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Augusta University

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Voter Turnout in the 2016 General Election: Does Ease of Voting Increase Voter Turnout?  
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Session 5.3: The 2016 Election: A Retrospective  
Room: Amber  
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**Roundtable Session 5.4: A New Edition of Georgia Politics: A Look Back and A Look Ahead**

**Room:** Telfair

**Panel Chair and Discussant:** Clif Wilkinson, Georgia College

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**Session 5.5: The Politics of Identity**

**Room:** Summit

**Panel Chair and Discussant:** Matthew Hipps, Dalton State College

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**European Union Executive Board Meeting, 4:30-6:00 P.M.**
**Room:** Scarborough Boardroom

**Student Poster Session & “Open” Bar Reception, 6:30-8:00 P.M.**

**Room:** Hilton Garden Inn Lobby

**Coordinator:** Keith Lee, Georgia College

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Saturday, November 11th

7:45-11:30 A.M. Conference Registration & Check-In, Hilton Garden Lobby

8:00-10:15 A.M. Continental Breakfast- Hilton Garden Lobby
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Concurrent Session #6
9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Session 6.1: Political Participation & Public Opinion
Room: Habersham
Panel Chair and Discussant: Mary Kate Lizotte, Augusta University

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Room: Cobalt
Panel Chair and Discussant: H. Lee Cheek, Jr., East Georgia State College

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Session 6.3: International Relations: Peace and Conflict

Room: Amber
Panel Chair and Discussant: Craig Albert, Augusta University

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Session 6.4: Public Policy
Room: Summit
Panel Chair and Discussant: Karen McCurdy, Georgia Southern University

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Concurrent Session #7
10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

Session 7.1: Issues in State & Local Government II
Room: Habersham
Panel Chair and Discussant: Jeff Edgens, University of Wyoming
Members

Katheryn L. Nikolich, *Graduate Student*

Title

Retreading the Import-Export Clause: The Case of Gwinnett County, Levies, and Constitutional Law

Institution

Georgia State University

H. Chris Tecklenburg

Title

Georgia on my Mind? Testing and Comparing Public Knowledge Involving the Georgia and U.S. Supreme Courts

Institution

Armstrong State University

Elizabeth Taylor

Title

Compromised Justice: A Study on the Role of Quasi-Judicial Officers in Georgia's State-Level Courts

Institution

Clayton State University

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**Roundtable Session 7.2: America After the “Great War”: From Minor Actor to Major Player in International Security Issues**

Room: Cobalt

Panel Chair and Discussant: Craig Greathouse, University of North Georgia

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Members

Jonathan Miner

Craig Greathouse

Raluca Viman-Miller

S. Hamid Serri

Institution

University of North Georgia

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**Session 7.3: Teaching and Learning Consortium Panel & Workshop**

Room: Amber

Panel Chair and Discussant: Craig Douglas Albert, Augusta University

Members

Mary Kate Lizotte

Title

Associate Professor, Political Science

Institution

Augusta University
Nathan Combes
Creating a Sense of Agency in American Government Students While Also Finding Common Ground
Columbus State University

Jeannie Grussendorf
Learning about settler identity through a comparative identity politics study abroad course
Georgia State University

John Tures
Trying Gerrymandering, Timing Twitter, and Testing Our Subconscious Mind: Three Teaching Assignments in the Trump Era
La Grange College

Session 7.4: Delivering the Online DPA at VSU
Room: Summit
Panel Chair and Discussant: Gerald Merwin, Valdosta State University

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