

PACIFIC NORTHWEST POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING 2025

November 7-8

Royal Sonesta Hotel, Portland

All locations to be confirmed for the final program which will also be
distributed at the conference

Draft Conference Schedule

Friday

Session 1
8:30-10:00am

International Relations 1 | Political theory | Trump administration first year

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 1

LIPMAN WOLFE 1

Chair: **Ross Burkhart**, Boise State University

Discussants: **Ross Burkhart**, Boise State University, **Leif Hoffmann**, Lewis-Clark State College

David Bernell, Oregon State University

“The Invasion of Ukraine and the Politics of Energy”

Dustin Ellis, Eastern Oregon University

“Immigration, Refugees, and Border Politics in an era of Populist Nationalism”

Adam Irish, Casey Hulls, and Maya Minniti, California State University, Chico

“Rotten Foundations: An Exploration of National Emergency Laws across the World”

Nate Steffen, Washington State University

“Target Differentiation in Sabotage: Testing Rovner's 'Weaponization of Friction' across War and Peace”

POLITICAL THEORY

LIPMAN WOLFE 2

Chair & Discussant: **Tom Hawley**, Eastern Washington University

Dillon Bergmann, Washington State University

“Legislating in America: Understanding the Political Theory behind American Legislative Rules”

John Lundy, Eastern Oregon University

“An Account of Moral/Political Rationalism as The Basis for a Just Political Order”

Patrick Mahoney, Washington State University

“Support our Troops”: Interpreting Militarism through Ideology and Institutions: 1945-2025”

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FIRST YEAR ROUNDTABLE

ALDER CREEK

Shane Day, Portland State University

Paul Lenze, Northern Arizona University

Travis Ridout, Washington State University

Session 2
10:15-11:45am

American politics 1 | Environmental politics 1 | Pacific Northwest issues roundtable

AMERICAN POLITICS 1

LIPMAN WOLFE 1

Chair & Discussant **Dustin Ellis**, Eastern Oregon University

Elaina Barker, University of Oregon

“When Neighbors Collide: Abortion Policy as a Site of Interstate Conflict and Democratic Erosion”

Kayla Fisher, University of Oregon

“Effective Representation: Measuring the Productivity of Partisanship in U.S. State Legislatures”

Edward Greer, Washington State University

“What About Straight Pride? Heterosexuality as a Political Identity”

Seoyoon (Judy) Kang, Oregon State University

“The Impact of Eviction Moratorium Expiration on Renter's Mental Health”

ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS 1

LIPMAN WOLFE 2

Chair: **Erika Allen Wolters**, Oregon State University

Discussant: **Patrick Tetteh Dapaa Kwao**, Oregon State University

Waseq Billah, Oregon State University

“Is Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE) Still Fit for Purpose? A Systematic Review of Data Center Metrics for assessing environmental impact of Modern AI Infrastructure”

Christopher Klyza, Middlebury College

“U.S. Green State Building, Intercurrence, and the Future of Environmental Policy”

Jordan Koster, Syracuse University

“Exploring the Effects of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law on U.S. States' Climate Policy Uptake”

Umama Rahman & David Bernell, Oregon State University

“Examining the Impact of Policy on Community Solar Projects in the United States”

POLITICAL ISSUES IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

ALDER CREEK

Chair: **TM Sell**, Highline College

Alaska: **Carol Gray**, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

British Columbia: **Adriana Lozjanin**, University Canada West

California: **Adam Irish**, California State University, Chico

Idaho: **Leif Hoffmann**, Lewis-Clark State College

Montana: **Paul Pope**, Montana State University Billings

Oregon: **Earlene Camarillo**, Western Oregon University

Washington: **TM Sell**, Highline College

LUNCH

12:00-1:15pm

CLUB ROOM

Meal tickets must be purchased in advance

Speaker: John Horvick, DHM Research

“Portland politics and public opinion”

Session 3
1:30-3:00pm
Comparative politics 1 | Media & public opinion | Public policy

COMPARATIVE POLITICS 1: Populism, Parties, and Democratic Resilience

ALDER CREEK

Chair & Discussant: **Season Hoard**, Washington State University

Joseph Akowuah, **Sylvester Andam**, and **Michael Ritter**, Washington State University

“Protest Movements, Veto Players and Electoral Reforms in Africa”

Ross Burkhart, Boise State University

“Forecasting Electoral Punishment around the World in 2024”

Ashley Caggiano, Indiana University

“The Rise and Radicalization of the Populist Political Right in Democratic States”

Yuxuan Gao, University of Oregon

“Seeing Like an Entrepreneur: Exploiting Authoritarian Populism as Creative Destruction”

Robert Herold, Independent Researcher

“Dislodging a Paradigm: Arguments Against Operationalization”

MEDIA & PUBLIC OPINION

LIPMAN WOLFE 1

Chair: **Edward Greer**, Washington State University

Discussants: **Edward Greer** and **Travis Ridout**, Washington State University

Kylee Britzman, Lewis and Clark State College, and **Benjamin Kantack**, Lycoming College

“An Ideological Shibboleth? “Democrat Party” as Multivocal Communication”

Kevin Curry and **Dimitri Kelly**, Linfield University

“Assessing News Source Credibility: Digital News Natives v. Digital News Immigrants”

Dimitri Kelly and **Kevin Curry**, Linfield University

“Subsidizing Partisan Social Identity: Social Media Politically Engages the Unengaged”

Travis Ridout, Washington State University, **Michael Franz**, Bowdoin College, and **Erika Franklin**

Fowler, Wesleyan University

“Targeting across Platforms and Channels in the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election”

PUBLIC POLICY: Energy policy

LIPMAN WOLFE 2

Chair: **Mark Stephan**, Washington State University

Discussant: **Greg Stelmach**, Oregon State University

Troy Abel, Western Washington University

“Equity for Washington’s Energy Transition Commitments”

Jonah White, Western Washington University

“Mapping Washington’s Energy Transition Commitments”

George Busenberg, Soka University of America

“The Policy Evolution of Solar Energy”

Session 4
3:15-4:45pm

Comparative politics 2 | Indigenous politics | Peace & conflict studies | Poster session

COMPARATIVE POLITICS 2: Authoritarian Rule, Protest, and Transitions

ALDER CREEK

Chair: **Season Hoard**, Washington State University

Discussant: **Kylee Britzman**, Lewis-Clark State College

Sofia Vakhrusheva, University of Idaho

“Windows of Tolerance: Grievance Content and Protest Outcomes in Authoritarian Regimes”

Haifa Souilmi, University of Oregon

“Beyond Polarization: Elite Fragmentation and Democratic Backsliding in Tunisia”

Sijie Liu, University of Oregon

“The Distribution of Authority in Authoritarian Regimes: Is Central-to-Provincial Transfer Payment an Effective Tool in Shaping Provincial Government’s Behavior in China?”

Maiesha Nur, Washington State University

“Nonviolent Transitions in Hybrid Regimes: How the Goals of the Movement Impact Transition”

INDIGENOUS POLITICS

LIPMAN WOLFE 1

Chair: **Cole Grisham**, Portland State University

Discussant: **Shane Day**, Portland State University

Cole Grisham, Portland State University

“Learning Sovereignty: Student-Led Insights into Tribal Government and Knowledge Creation”

Christopher Page, Portland State University

“The Cancelled Resilient Columbia Basin Agreement: The Intersection of Institutional Inertia and Indigenous Interests in Columbia River Basin Salmon Governance”

Aliyah Sarber, Portland State University

“Policy of Discrepancy: Indigenous Health Disparities and Systemic Inequity in the Pacific Northwest”

PEACE & CONFLICT STUDIES

LIPMAN WOLFE 2

Chair & Discussant: **Edwin Taylor**, Missouri Western State University

Adriana Lozjanin, University Canada West

“Contending with Corruption: Dynamics of Opportunity and Threat in Serbia’s Protests”

David Malet, American University

“Crowdsourcing Terrorism”

Anika Wood, Washington State University

“Social Determinants of Vigilante Violence: A Case Study of South Africa and Zimbabwe”

POSTER SESSION

Posters will be in the same room as the membership meeting and reception, so can be viewed at that time too

CLUB ROOM

Discussant: Leif Hoffmann, Lewis-Clark State College

Abigail Bako, University of Oregon

“Procedural Justice as Legitimacy: Transparency, Inclusion, and Community Trust in HYPREP’s Ogoniland Remediation”

Riesling Cox, Washington State University

“The Impact of Urban Growth Boundaries on Housing Affordability”

Allana Gladman, University of Portland

“Criminal Justice Reform: Evaluating Restorative Justice Alternatives to Incarceration”

Tristan Hoffmann, Lewis-Clark State College

“Learning Beyond the Lecture Hall: The educational impact of a Public History Internship”

Nathaniel J. Koeppe Willcoxson, Lewis-Clark State College

“Waving the Weaves as We Leave: Comparing Pre- and Post-Brexit Patterns of EU Myths Coverage in British Media”

Sarah Malcoms, Sarah Robert, and Gabrielle Smith, Western Washington University

“Air Quality Equity Challenges in the Duwamish Valley”

Braden Rebelez, Washington State University

“Democracy in Distress”

Membership meeting – association updates, awards, and elections to Executive Council.

5:00pm

CLUB ROOM

Directly followed by reception with drinks and nibbles

These events are open to all

Saturday

Session 5

9:00-10:30am

Comparative politics 3 | Pop culture roundtable | Supreme Court roundtable

COMPARATIVE POLITICS 3: Governance, Civil Society, and Environment

LIPMAN WOLFE 1

Chair & Discussant: **Ross Burkhardt**, Boise State University

Carol Gray, University of Alaska Fairbanks

“Case Study of an Egyptian Human Rights oral history project & the challenges posed by state security”

Caden Hicks, University of Oregon

“Anti-Tech Radicals; Redefining Eco-Terrorism and Environmental Social Movements”

Parakh Hoon, South Puget Sound Community College

“Wilderness Inc. or Wilderness Gov? Elite Coalitions and Governance in Botswana”

Kyra Martin, Oregon State University

“Linking Climate-Induced Agricultural Production Shortages and Conflict in the Horn of Africa”

POP CULTURE ROUNDTABLE

LIPMAN WOLFE 2

Chair: **Edwin Taylor**, Missouri Western State University

Paul Pope and **Jay Gentry**, Montana State University–Billings

“Fictionalizing America with Donald Trump as the Unreliable Narrator”

Followed by open discussion.

SUPREME COURT ROUNDTABLE

ALDER CREEK

Moderator: **Rorie Solberg**, Oregon State University

- **Cornell Clayton**, Washington State University
- **Scott Lemieux**, University of Washington
- **Chris Shortell**, Portland State University
- **Gene Straughan**, Lewis-Clark State College

Session 6

10:45am-12:15pm

AI, Polarization, & Philosophy roundtable | American Politics 2 | Voting and Elections 1

AI, POLARIZATION, & PHILOSOPHY ROUNDTABLE

ALDER CREEK

- **Sherri Lynn Conklin**, Washington State University
- **Ashlynn Main**, Washington State University
- **Samantha Noll**, Washington State University
- **Shea Ortega**, Washington State University

AMERICAN POLITICS 2

LIPMAN WOLFE 1

Chair: **Richard Elgar**, Washington State University
Discussant: **Kevin Pirch**, Eastern Washington University

Season Hoard, Daniel Mueller, Travis Franklin, Christina Sanders, Ciara McGlynn, Sebastian Ruiz, Edward Greer, and Anika Wood, Washington State University

“Expanding Driver Education to Young Adults in Washington State: Constraints and Implications for Equity and Policy Capacity”

Ellen Holtmaat, University of Oregon and **Frank Hubers**, Open University

“Emotional Well-being and Voting Behavior in Support of Redistributive Policies”

Michael Ritter and **Richard Elgar**, Washington State University

“Voter suppression in swing states in the U.S.”

Julie VanDusky, Boise State

“Level of Democracy and Health Outcomes in the US States”

VOTING & ELECTIONS 1

Representation, Administration, and Computation: Three Looks at the New Election System in Portland, Oregon

LIPMAN WOLFE 2

Chair & Discussant: **Paul Gronke**, Reed College/ Elections & Voting Information Center

- **Leah Benson**, Ranked Choice Voting Manager, Multnomah County, OR.
- **Ellen Seljan**, Lewis & Clark College
- **Mark Stephan**, Washington State University

Session 7

12:30-2:00pm

Environmental politics 2 | International Relations 2 | Voting and Elections 2

ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS 2

ALDER CREEK

Chair: **Erika Allen Wolters**, Oregon State University
Discussant: **Waseq Billah**, Oregon State University

Busrat Ali-Balogun, Oregon State University

“Community Solar and Energy Justice in Nigeria: Understanding Policy, Affordability, and Equity in a Decentralizing Electricity Sector”

Charlotte O’Brien, Oregon State University

“Revisiting Hydro-Hegemony: The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam and the Quantification of Diplomatic Relations between Egypt and Ethiopia”

Patrick Tetteh Dapaa Kwao, Oregon State University

“Powering Vulnerable Communities Without Sacrificing the Soil: Leveraging Agrivoltaics to Expand Energy Access and Improve Food Security in Climate-Vulnerable West Africa”

Greg Stelmach, Shawn Hazboun, and Julia Bingham, Oregon State University; **Harry Arden**, University of Maine; **Emma Korein** and **Jeremy Firestone**, University of Delaware; **Caroline Noblet**, University of Maine; **Arne Jacobsen**, California Polytechnic University; **Shana Hirsch**, University of Washington; **Teresa Johnson**, University of Maine; and **Hilary Boudet**, Oregon State University.

“Prospective host community perceptions of floating offshore wind and local benefits agreements”

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 2

LIPMAN WOLFE 1

Chair & Discussant: **Ross Burkhart**, Boise State University

Mary Durfee, Michigan Tech

“Border Design: Why Trump is Wrong about the US-Canada Border”

Omme Habiba, University of Missouri and **Ross Burkhart**, Boise State University

“Democratic Resilience or Autocratic Drift? Institutional Challenges in Bangladesh”

Jacob Hall, Idaho State University

“How Hong Kong Has Affected British and Chinese Relations”

VOTING & ELECTIONS 2

Election Administration under Pressure

LIPMAN WOLFE 2

Chair & Discussant: **Paul Manson**, Portland State University / Elections & Voting Information Center

- **Luke Belant**, National Conference of State Legislatures
- **Lisa Bryant**, California State University, Fresno
- **Paul Manson**, Portland State University / Elections & Voting Information Center
- **Natalie Wingard**, Center for Tech and Civic Life

2:00pm
Conference ends