

**Call for Student Poster Session Participants**  
***Minnesota Political Science Association Conference***  
***Saturday, November 8, 2008***  
***North Hennepin Community College, Brooklyn Park, MN***

This year's Minnesota Political Science Association conference will once again offers us the opportunity to showcase student research in the discipline of political science. We invite you to identify excellent papers and work with students on preparing and encourage them to present their research in the poster session at the conference. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to further develop a piece of scholarship, prepare it for presentation as a poster, and gain confidence in learning to present their work at the conference. **We would very much appreciate your assistance in encouraging students to submit a proposal for the student poster session this fall.**

**Submission Deadline is October 17, 2008.**  
Proposals from all subfields will be considered.

Although students are not required to submit a written paper, it will be possible to distribute papers to interested conference participants during the poster session. **Conference attendees will walk through and view the poster presentations, and students are expected to stand with their posted research and discuss it with interested political scientists.** Instructions for the poster presentations are below.

**The Student Poster Session will take place the morning of the conference, from 8:30am to 10:00am.**

Please note: This year student poster presenters and participants at the conference will be charged \$20 per person for the conference registration, which enables them to attend the rest of the day's events, including lunch and refreshments. It is assumed that the student's department or academic institution will reimburse their cost.

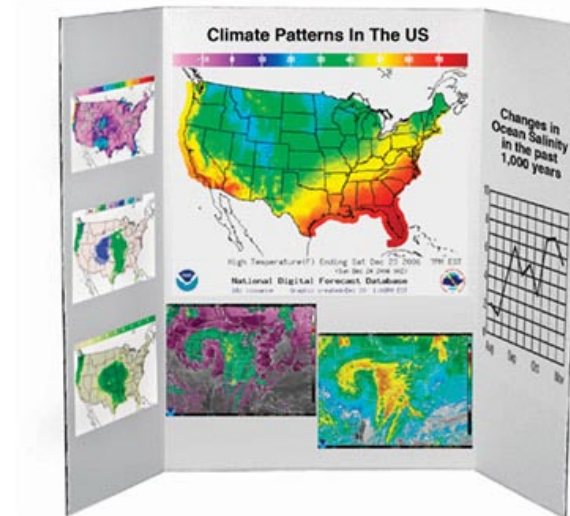
**A student's proposal should include the following:**

- Name and academic institution,
- Course for which paper was written,
- Name of professor who has reviewed and recommended paper for poster session, with their contact information,
- Title of paper, and
- Abstract or brief (2-3 paragraphs) description of paper.

**E-mail proposals to Professor Patrick Donnay at [PDonnay@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:PDonnay@bemidjistate.edu)**

## PREPARATION FOR POSTER PRESENTATION:

Posters should be prepared on a tri-fold board (example below), available at any office supply store. Approximate size 46 x 38 inches.



- Your tri-fold board will be set up on a table.
- Remember the purpose of a poster session, which is to discuss your work with those who are interested.
- Make a prominent title, e.g. with a large font that can be read from 10 feet away
- Highlight key points that a passerby can read to see if they want to discuss your work further
- Organize the material in columns
- Design a pleasing overall layout, balancing elements of title, key points and graphics/illustrations etc. Avoid clutter by putting too much information.
- Additional resources:  
<http://lorien.ncl.ac.uk/ming/Dept/Tips/present/posters.htm#format>