

(tentative) Program

Minnesota Political Science Association Annual Meeting

November 5, 2011

Minnesota State University, Mankato
Mankato, Minnesota

8:30 - 10:00 **Registration with Continental Breakfast in Centennial Student Union (CSU) 204**
Student Poster Session (CSU 253, 254, 255)

We encourage attendees to register early in order to have time to interact with students displaying their research at the poster session.

10:00 - 11:15 **Panel 1A: International Relations and Comparative Politics (CSU 202)**
Chair: Arijit Mazumder, St. Thomas University

Catherine Guisan, Ph.D. Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Talking Gender and Policies: Transatlantic Narratives

Steve Hoffman, Ph.D.. Professor and Chair, University of St. Thomas and
Renee Buhr, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, University of St. Thomas
Nationalist Futures in Post-Soviet Europe: A Comparative Assessment of Lithuanian and Belarusian Identities

Morgan Nyendu, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, St. Cloud State University
Parliament and Democratic Governance in Ghana

Panel 1B: Teaching and Learning (CSU 201)

Panel Chair: Mark Johnson, Minnesota State Community & Technical College

Fred Lee, Ph. D. Winona State University: "
Strategies for Improving Undergraduate Student Writing

Christi Siver, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University:
Taking the Next Step: Assessing strategies for undergraduate methods instruction

Mark L. Johnson, Minnesota State Community & Technical College:
Embedding Undergraduate Research into the Community College curriculum

tentative - Saint Cloud State University Survey faculty:
Experiential and Inter-disciplinary Learning"

- 11:30 - 1:00 **Luncheon (CSU Heritage Room)**
Keynote: *Engaging Constituents and Building Coalitions in a Polarized Political Climate.*
Congressman Tim Walz , Representing Minnesota's First Congressional District
- 1:15 - 2:30 **Panel 2: The Arab Spring in the Middle East and North Africa (CSU 201)**
Panel Chair: Sheri Breen, University of Minnesota Morris
- Abdalla Battah, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Minnesota State University, Mankato:
Jordan: Responding to the Arab Spring
- Sheri Breen, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota, Morris:
The Egyptian Revolution in Progress
- Aref Hassan, Ph. D. Assistant Professor, St. Cloud State University:
Syria in the Midst of the Arab Spring: Opportunities and Threats
- 2:30 – 2:45 **Refreshments (CSU 204)**
- 2:45 - 4:00 **Panel 3: Legislative Panel on Minnesota Politics (CSU 201)**
Panel Chair: Senator Mary Jo McGuire
- Participants TBD

**Minnesota State University, Mankato
Mankato, Minnesota**

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Campus Map:

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Parking:

Parking directions.

Questions about the conference?

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