

Women in Legislative Studies Conference

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 19th

- **5:30 - 7:30 P.M.** - Optional Drop-in Welcome Dinner at the Terrace at Memorial Union. If you've arrived in town, come say hi, take in the lake views, and enjoy a bite to eat! We'll have a bunch of tables saved. Participants will be able to buy what they like inside Memorial Union (grill food, pizza, salads, paninis, and ice cream). Please note that we do not have funding to cover the welcome dinner, so participants will need to cover their own dinner costs. Burgers/wraps/sandwiches are all ~\$10. Rain plan: Inside Memorial Union at Der Rathskeller.



Friday, September 20th

- **8:00 - 8:45 A.M.** - Breakfast (informal, so please feel free to arrive anytime in this window). Pyle Center: Check-in to conference first in Room 121 then pick-up food in 225. Bring food back to 121. The Pyle Center is located at 702 Langdon Street.
- **8:45 - 9:00 A.M.** - Welcome Pyle Center Room 121

- **9:00 - 10:30 A.M.** - Panels 1 & 2

Panel 1: Political Parties and Partisanship (Room 121)

- Paper 1: "Bipartisanship in the Shadow of China's Rise: The Effect of External Threats on Internal Unity in the U.S. Congress."
Guan Wang, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Weifang Xu, Emory University (not attending)
- Paper 2: "Decisive Acts of Party Disloyalty and Legislator Gender."
Bailey Sanders, Duke University School of Law
- Paper 3: "Constituent Service Messaging and the Nationalization of Politics in the U.S. House of Representatives."
Rochelle Snyder, Coe College
- Paper 4: "I'm Every Woman? A Refined Theory and Test of Critical Mass and Women's Legislative Representation."
Hannah Paul, University of Missouri
Kendall Funk, Arizona State University
Andrew Philips, University of Colorado Boulder (not attending)

Chair/Discussant 1: Beth Reingold, Emory University

Discussant 2: Alison Craig, University of Texas at Austin

Panel 2: Legislative Performance (Room 226)

- Paper 1: "Term Lengths and Legislative Performance: Evidence from Natural Experiments in India"
Saloni Bhogale, University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Paper 2: "Welfare Devolution: Tool of Exclusion or Expansion?"
Lauren Futter, Columbia University
- Paper 3: "Electoral Geography and the Distribution of Resources"
Leah Rosenstiel, Vanderbilt University
- Paper 4: "Gender Diversity and Staff in Congressional Committees"
Alexander Bolton, Emory University (not attending)
Sharece Thrower, Vanderbilt University

Chair/Discussant 1: Molly Reynolds, The Brookings Institution

Discussant 2: Betul Demirkaya, University of Kentucky

- **10:30 - 10:45 A.M.** - Break

Food and beverages in Room 225

10:45 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. - Panels 3 & 4

Panel 3: Legislative Process and Congressional Committees (Room 121)

- Paper 1: "'Where All Bills Go to Die': Committee Rules and Procedures in U.S. State Legislatures."
Nicholas Howard, Concordia College (not attending)
Tessa Provins, University of Arizona
- Paper 2: "Messaging and Monitoring: Grandstanding and Oversight in Congressional Hearings"
Luca Bellodi, Stanford University (not attending)
Annie Benn, Colgate University
- Paper 3: "Away from the Floor: Women and the Suspension of the Rules Process"
Michael Lynch, University of Georgia (not attending)
Allison Vick, Converse University
- Paper 4: "Diversity and Representation in Information Provision to Congress."
Ju Yeon Park, The Ohio State University
Pamela Ban, University of California - San Diego (not attending)
Hye Young You, Princeton University (not attending)
- Paper 5: "Seed Donors and Their Influence within Congressional Committees"
Ayoung Chun, UCLA

Chair/Discussant 1: Sarah Binder, George Washington University/The Brookings Institution

Discussant 2: Jennifer Selin, Arizona State University

Panel 4: Identity and Legislative Politics (Room 226)

- Paper 1: "Gender and Partisan Asymmetries in Accountability Engagement and Citizen Knowledge"
Nicole Huffman, Stony Brook University
- Paper 2: "The Legal Production of Latino Immigrant Fraud Narratives"
Jessica Torres Baker, University of California Irvine
- Paper 3: "Representing the Real Latino Electorate: Far Right Latinas, Group Capture, and Alternate Visions of Latinidad"
Yulenni Venegas Lopez, University of Washington
- Paper 4: "Protest in Congress: A Strategy of Disadvantaged Legislators for When Institutional Tactics Fail"
Jennifer Garcia, Oberlin College
LaGina Gause, UC San Diego (not attending)
Alison Boehmer, UC San Diego (not attending)

Chair: Komal Preet Kaur, University of Colorado-Boulder

Discussant 1: Lauren Bell, Randolph-Macon College

Discussant 2: Amber Lusvardi, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

12:15 - 1:30 P.M. - Lunch - Roundtables 1 & 2

- Roundtable 1: Modern Job Search (Room 226)

Panelists: Sara Morell, The College of New Jersey; Erin York, Vanderbilt University
Chair: Tracy Osborn, University of Iowa

- Roundtable 2: Media Work & Public Facing Scholarship (Room 121)

Panelists: Sarah Binder, George Washington University / The Brookings Institution;
Nadia Brown, Georgetown University; Paru Shah, Center for American Women and Politics,
Rutgers University
Chair: Rosalyn Cooperman, University of Mary Washington

• 1:30 - 3:00 P.M. - Panels 5 & 6

Panel 5: Campaign Finance (Room 121)

- Paper 1: "Self-Rising Candidates: Racial and Gender Disparities in Self-Funding"
Savannah Plaskon, University of California - Irvine (not attending)
Danielle Thomsen, University of California - Irvine
- Paper 2: "Do Small Donors Make a Big Difference in U.S. Elections?: Evidence from 50 Million Campaign Contributions."
Maggie Macdonald, University of Kentucky
Rachel Porter, University of Notre Dame (not attending)
Megan A. Brown, University of Michigan (not attending)
- Paper 3: "Spending Your Way Out of Resentment: The Impact of Campaign Spending on Female Congressional Candidate Evaluations"
Niki Kalaf-Hughes, Bowling Green State University
Debra Leiter, University of Missouri - Kansas City (not attending)
- Paper 4: "Money for nothin and your Committee for free: Out-of-State Donors and U.S. Senate Committee"
Stephanie Mathiasen, Texas Tech University

Chair/Discussant 1: Sharece Thrower, Vanderbilt University

Discussant 2: Jennifer Nicoll Victor, George Mason University

Panel 6: Policy Entrepreneurship, sponsorship and cosponsorship (Room 226)

- Paper 1: "Cosponsorship and collective action in an authoritarian legislature"
Erin York, Vanderbilt University
- Paper 2: "How Do Women and Men Respond to More Women in the Legislature? A Study of Bill Introductions"
Emma Schroeder, University of Notre Dame
- Paper 3: "Debating Gender Identity: An Analysis of How Anti and Pro-Transgender Political Interests are Represented in Congress"
Sara Angevine, Whittier College
- Paper 4: "Gendered Expectations of Representation: Do Constituents Prefer Women to be Locally-Oriented?"
Tabitha Koch, Rice University

Chair/Discussant 1: Kathryn Pearson, University of Minnesota

Discussant 2: Sara Chatfield, University of Denver

- **3:00 - 3:15 P.M. - Break**

Food and beverages in Room 225

- **3:15 - 4:45 P.M. - Panels 7 & 8**

Panel 7: Legislative Speeches (Room 226)

- Paper 1: "Speaking About Europe: Explaining the Variation in EU-Related Parliamentary Speech in Europe's National Parliaments"
Lauren Perez, Francis Marion University
- Paper 2: "Women Interrupted: Episodic Interjections in the Latvian Parliament"
Laura Dean, Millikin University
- Paper 3: "Framing the Filibuster: How Senators Evoke the Filibuster in Press Releases"
Jessie Munson, University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Paper 5: "Do Men and Women Candidates Differ in What They Talk and What They Mean? Text Analysis of Gender Gaps Using Legislative Election Campaign Brochures"
Eun Young Kim, The College of William and Mary

Chair/Discussant 1: Ivy Hamerly, Baylor University

Discussant 2: Annelise Russell, University of Kentucky

Panel 8: Legislative Elections (Room 121)

- Paper 1: "The Primary Premium: Why Legislators are Incentivized to Side with Primary Voters over General Election Voters"
Laurel Harbridge-Yong, Northwestern University
Sarah Anderson, UCSB and Daniel Butler, Wash U (not attending)
- Paper 2: "Snap Elections: How do European voters react to snap election calls?"
Zeynep Somer-Topcu, University of Texas at Austin
Kendall Curtis, University of Texas at Austin (not attending)
- Paper 3: US Elections and Campaign Finance Reform: Examining Public Opinion on Childcare as a Campaign Expense"
Maria Wilson, Rutgers University
Burcu Kolcak, Rutgers University (not attending)
- Paper 4: "Minority Representation versus Majority Resentment: Explaining Radical-Right Electoral Success."
Amy Liu, University of Texas at Austin
Roman Hlatky, University of North Texas (not attending)
Ariel Pitre Young, University of Sarajevo (not attending)
Yinlong Li, University of North Texas (not attending)

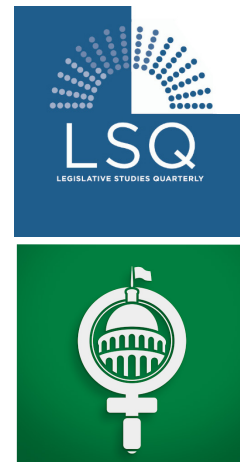
Chair/Discussant 1: Kathleen Dolan, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

Discussant 2: Mel Atkinson, UNC - Charlotte

5:00 – 6:00 P.M. – Social Hour/Mentoring Program
***Sponsored by LSQ (Room 109, Lee Lounge)**

- Topic 1: Networking 101
Mentors: Jordan Butcher, Arkansas State University; Annelise Russell, University of Kentucky; Sara Angevine, Whittier College
- Topic 2: Teaching About Elections
Mentors: Jennifer Nicoll Victor, George Mason University; Jatia Wrighten, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Topic 3: Moving into Administration
Mentors: Lauren Bell, Randolph-Macon College; Christina Ewig, University of Minnesota
- Topic 4: Better, Smarter, Writing
Mentors: Maggie Macdonald, University of Kentucky; Danielle Thomsen, University of California - Irvine
- Topic 5: Post-Tenure: Now What?
Mentors: Hanna Brant, SUNY Genesee; Sara Chatfield, University of Denver; Sharece Thrower, Vanderbilt University
- Topic 6: Fellowships & Fieldwork
Mentors: Mel Atkinson, UNC Charlotte; Marwa Shalaby, University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Topic 7: Work-Life Balance
Mentors: Kathryn Pearson, University of Minnesota; Jen Selin, Arizona State University
- Topic 8: Publishing Pro-Tips
Mentors: Kathy Dolan, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee; Beth Reingold, Emory University; Aili Tripp, University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Topic 9: Difficult Departments & Colleagues
Mentors: Lindsay Benstead, Portland State University; another *fabulous* WiLS member*

- **6:00 – 8:00 P.M. – Dinner (Room 109/Lee Lounge)**
***Sponsored by LSQ & NSF**



Saturday, September 21st

- **8:30-9:00 A.M.** - Breakfast

Pick-Up in Room 225

- **9:00 – 10:30 A.M.** - Panels 9 & 10

Panel 9: Legislative Leadership (Room 121)

- Paper 1: "Half-Broke Ceilings: Women as Leaders in U.S. State Legislatures"
Jordan Butcher, Arkansas State University
- Paper 2: "Institutions and State Legislative Leadership Diversity: Empirical Evidence from 25 US States."
Nancy Arrington, Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo
Layla Brooks, Emory University
Beth Reingold, Emory University
Alexandra Snipes, Emory University
Elizabeth Wiener, Occidental College
- Paper 3: "Member-to-member campaign contributions as determinants of political capital in Congress"
Jennifer Nicoll Victor, George Mason University
- Paper 4: "Chapter 1: *The Heavy Lifter*"
Jatia Wrighten, Virginia Commonwealth University

Chair/Discussant 1: Tracy Osborn, University of Iowa

Discussant 2: Marwa Shalaby, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Panel 10: Intersectionality in Legislative Politics (Room 226)

- Paper 1: "Navigating Contentious Identities: Minority Women in Israel"
Noa Balf, Indiana University Bloomington
- Paper 2: "Inclusive Solidarity and Intersectional Legislative Politics in Colombia"
Christina Ewig, University of Minnesota
- Paper 3: "Queering Candidacy: Queer Women's Representation in US State Legislatures"
Hanna Brant, SUNY Geneseo
- Paper 4: "Moms on a Mission: How candidate race/ethnicity and motherhood appeal strategies affect voter perceptions in Congressional campaigns"
Michelle Irving, Rutgers

Chair/Discussant 1: Nadia Brown, Georgetown University

Discussant 2: Aili Tripp, University of Wisconsin - Madison

- **10:45 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.** – Panels 11 & 12

Panel 11: Legislative Politics in Autocracies (Room 226)

- Paper 1: "Why Women Vote: Wasta and Political Participation under Authoritarianism"
Lindsay Benstead, Portland State University
- Paper 2: "Regime, Region, and the Representation of Women in Global Legislatures"
Monica Komer, University of Wisconsin - Madison
Aili Tripp, University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Paper 3: "Responsiveness in Autocracies: Municipal Responsiveness in the Soviet Union and Putin's Russia"
Valeria Umanets, University of Pittsburgh
- Paper 4: "Falling in Line: Legislative Behavior in the Russian State Duma under Putin"
Sarah Hummel, Harvard University

Chair/Discussant 1: Leslie Schwindt-Bayer, Rice University

Discussant 2: Amy Liu, University of Texas - Austin

Panel 12: Elite Surveys & Interviews (Room 121)

- Paper 1: "Looking For Respondents in All the Right Places: Strategies for Conducting Legislative Research With Hard-to-Sample Populations"
Erin Tolley, Carleton University
Tracy Osborn, University of Iowa
- Paper 2: "Mirroring Gender Gap Attitudes? Latin American Elites and Democratic Transitions"
Brenna Armstrong, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Manuela Munoz, Texas Tech University
- Paper 3: "Violence and Abuse Against US State and Local Officeholders: Prevalence, Risk Factors, and Impacts on Representation"
Maya Kornberg, NYU Brennan Center
R. Grady Yuthok Short, NYU Brennan Center
- Paper 4: "Organizational Identity Signaling: How Women's Candidate Training Organizations Shape Women's Ambition"
Sara Morell, The College of New Jersey

Chair/Moderator: Jess Esplin, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Discussant 1: Rosalyn Cooperman, University of Mary Washington

Discussant 2: Gisela Sin, University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign

- **12:30 – 1:30 P.M.** – Lunch featuring Group Discussion of WiLS
Pickup food in 225. Eat & Discuss in 121.
- **1:30 P.M.** – Leave for the Airport



Conference Logistical Notes:

Lactation Room Information: Pyle Center has 2 "Mother's Rooms" located inside the East Women's restrooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors. Keys for these rooms can be picked up by attendees at the front desk.

Memorial Terrace is the lake-side patio on the back of the Memorial Union building. To get to the Terrace, you can either go through the building to the back, or around the building until you see the lake. This is a very popular location in Madison, and if you ask "How do I get to The Terrace?" any local should be able to direct you.

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