

Promoting the General Welfare

70th Annual
Conference of the

**Oklahoma Political
Science Association**

2023

November 9-10

University of Central Oklahoma



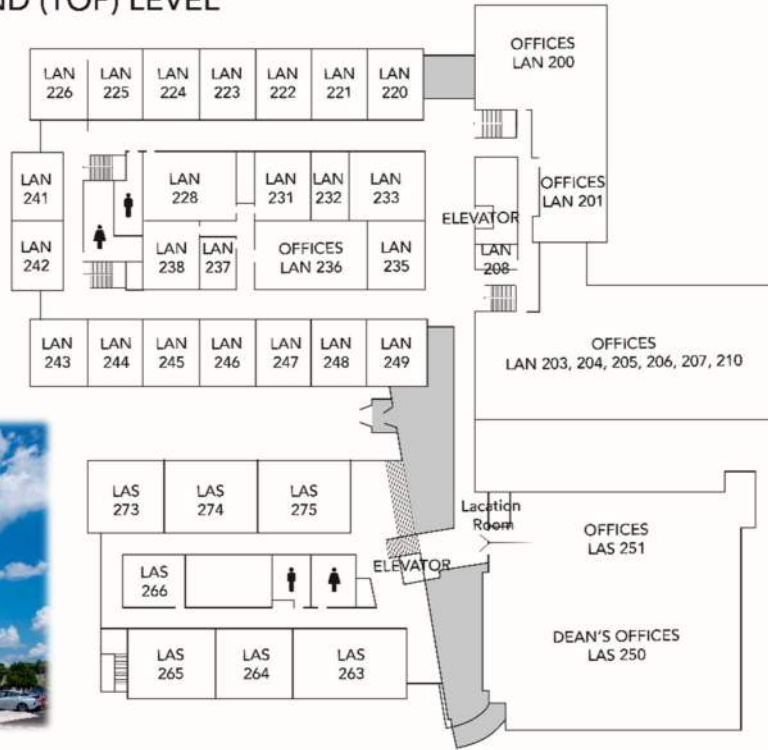
DEPARTMENT OF

Political Science

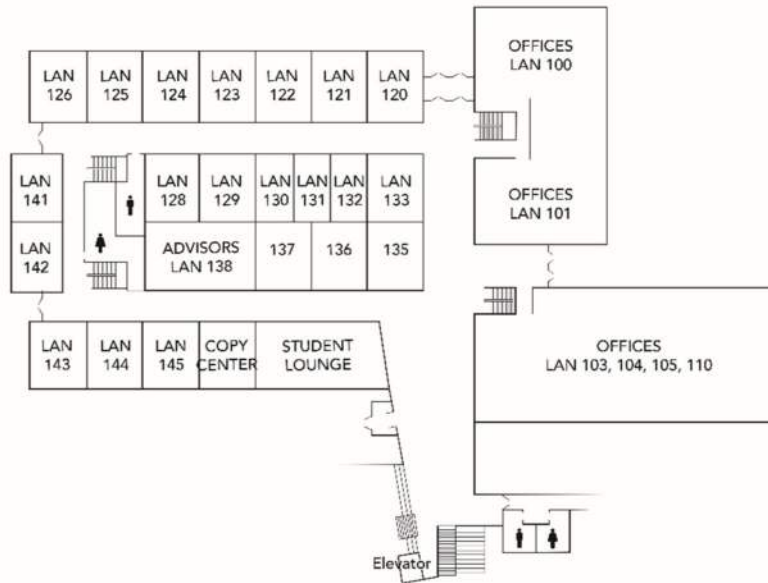




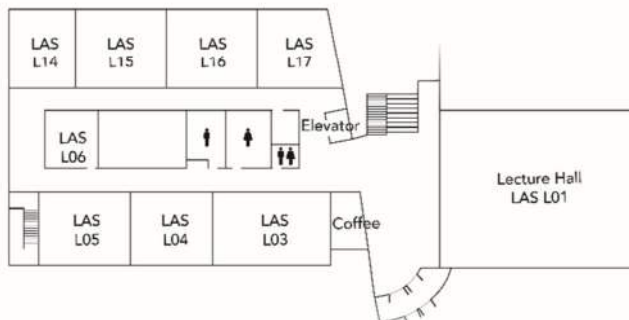
SECOND (TOP) LEVEL



FIRST LEVEL



LOWER LEVEL





Welcome to the 70th Annual Conference of the Oklahoma Political Science Association!

On behalf of the Executive Board, we are so excited to have you participate in this special 70th anniversary conference of the Oklahoma Political Science Association. OPSA is one of the oldest and most active state political science associations in the nation. This year's program promises to present cutting-edge research and vibrant discussions by political scholars, leaders and students.



We are once again teaming up with our partner organization, the Oklahoma Sociological Association, to expand the quality and breadth of our programming. Not only are we co-sponsoring Friday's keynote speaker, attendees may freely attend the panels of either conference. So, please take advantage of all the rich experiences of OPSA 2023!

Brett S. Sharp

Brett S. Sharp, Ph.D.

University of Central Oklahoma

Oklahoma Political Science Association President, 2023-2024

Overview of Activities

- Research poster presentations are on display throughout both days of the conference in the Atrium and Breezeway areas of the South Wing of the College of Liberal Arts Building.
- Refreshments are available in Room 210 in the North Wing of the College of Liberal Arts Building.
- The Thursday and Friday keynote speeches as well as some panel sessions will be held in the Lecture Hall in the South Wing of the College of Liberal Arts Building (lower level).
- Most other panel presentations will be in Rooms L05 and L03 in the Lower Level of the South Wing of the College of Liberal Arts Building .
- Lunches are served in Room 210 in the North Wing of the College of Liberal Arts Building (these are ticketed events).
- Our Annual Awards Banquet is held in the Heritage Room of the Nigh University Center on the UCO Campus.

<https://oklahomapoliticalscience.com>



Oklahoma Political Science Association

70th Annual Conference

Promoting the General Welfare

Thursday, November 9 and Friday, November 10, 2023

Thursday, 8:00-8:30 AM

Registration


College of Liberal Arts South Atrium (lower level across from Pegasus Café near Lecture Hall)


Thursday, 9:00-9:30 AM

Poster Presentations

Research Posters will be on display both days in the College of Liberal Arts South Atrium (lower level near Lecture Hall) and Breezeway (first level). Many presenters will be available to discuss their posters between 9:00-9:30 AM on Thursday.

- Jake Brillhart, University of Kansas, **“State Higher Education Participation in Federal Emergency Management Agency Grants: A Budgetary Analysis”**
- Theodore Minkala, University of Central Oklahoma, **“The Contributions of Mentorship in Developing the Leaders of Tomorrow”**
- Dayna Rowe, University of Central Oklahoma, **“Navigating the Complexity of Oklahoma Higher Education: An Analysis of Public Perceptions and Higher Education Barriers”**
- Fawn Hammonds, University of Central Oklahoma, **“Employee Engagement: Early Intervention on the Discipline Outcomes at Oklahoma Human Services”**

- 
- Mia Ledet, University of Central Oklahoma, **“The Indian Child Welfare Act’s Push for Native Rights”**
 - Justice Hernandez, University of Central Oklahoma, **“Public Access to Information and Community Wellness: Effects of Social Resources on the Quality of Life”**
 - Roya Hosseini, University of Central Oklahoma, **“The Impact of Immigration on Iranian Women’s Life and Social Status”**
 - Ryan Smith, University of Central Oklahoma, **“Transformative Teams: Culture, Empowerment, and Efficacy in Public Organization”**
 - George Bormann, University of Central Oklahoma, **“Keep the Talent: The Role of Transformational Leadership within Municipal Government”**
 - Payden Henderson, University of Central Oklahoma, **“Outcome of Deceit: The Results of Scandals and Abuses by the United States President”**
 - Katie Gore, University of Central Oklahoma, **“Civic Education and Misinformation within Social Media: Explore how Incorporating Social Media Can Improve Civic Education and Contribute to Combatting Misinformation”**
 - Geronimo Parra, University of Central Oklahoma, **“Latino High School Graduation Rates: The Factors Leading to Success and Failure”**
 - Talia Guinn, Rose State College, **“The Migrant Crisis in Greece”**
 - Mydazjah Petties, Rose State College, **“Centuries of Internal Struggle and Exploitation within Niger”**
 - Abby Reddick, Rose State College, **“Civil War in Ethiopia”**
 - Kennesha Wisham, Rose State College, **“South Africa’s Colonial Past”**
 - Jason Wyatt, Rose State College, **“Contemporary Costa Rica”**
 - Kaeden Gilmore, Rose State College, **“The Precarious Politics of Ukraine”**
 - Katy Sorenson, Rose State College, **“Let’s Talk About Critical Race Theory”**
 - Gwendolyn Thomas & Hannah Robinson, Oklahoma City Community College, **“Addressing Climate Change: Perspective of a Congressional Representative of Oklahoma’s 3rd District”**
 - Marlay Morris & Tyler Kinzer Oklahoma City Community College, **“The Future of Farming in Oklahoma”**
 - Michael Kirk Oklahoma City Community College, **“Presidential Agenda for Climate Change”**

- 
- Jessica Ozee and Edwin Barrios Oklahoma City Community College, **“The Environmental Protection Agency Addressing Climate Change in the Biden Era”**
 - Dante Specht & Alexis Escobar Oklahoma City Community College, **“From Policy to Pavement: The Role of City Governance in Climate Change Adaptation”**
 - Brooke Gilliam Oklahoma City Community College, **“Addressing Climate Change from the Perspective of Oklahoma’s 5th Congressional District”**
 - Emmalyn Alexander Oklahoma City Community College, **“The Trump Administration: Efforts to Address Climate Change by the Environmental Protection Agency”**
 - Wilmer Barrios and Amanda Lindegard Oklahoma City Community College, **“Investigating Climate Change & the Department of the Interior through the lens of Public Administration”**
 - Grace Kouassi Oklahoma City Community College, **“The Effect of Colonialism on African Tribes (Akan Tribe)”**

Thursday, 9:30-10:45 AM


Panel 1: Room Liberal Arts South L01 (Lecture Hall)

Litigating HB 1775

Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Overman, University of Central Oklahoma

Panelists:

- Megan Lambert, Legal Director, ACLU of Oklahoma, plaintiff
- Betty Harris, President State Conference of Oklahoma AAUP, plaintiff, Professor, University of Oklahoma
- Marc Goulding, President UCO AAUP, Professor University of Central Oklahoma
- Leeda Copley, Treasurer UCO AAUP, Professor, University of Central Oklahoma
- John Wood, Immediate Past President UCO AAUP, Professor, University of Central Oklahoma



Thursday, 9:30-10:45 AM (continued)

Panel 2: Room Liberal Arts South L05 (lower level at the end of the hallway)

Electoral Reform and State Politics

Chairs: Dr. Emily Stacey and James Davenport, Rose State College

Panelists:

- Mickey Dollens, Member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
- Representative Andy Fugate, Minority Floor Leader, Oklahoma House of Representatives
- Senator Adam Pugh, Oklahoma State Senate


Panel 3: Room Liberal Arts North 220 (northeast side of Liberal Arts North)

Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature Scrimmage

Chairs: Connor Boren, Senate Pro Tem, O.I.L. Statewide Leadership
Adam Clifton, House Speaker, O.I.L. Statewide Leadership

Panelists:

- Jackson Pelfrey, Oklahoma State University, O.I.L. Statewide Leadership
- Sydney White, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
- Fischer Standridge, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
- Lane Wood, East Central University
- Derek Odom, East Central University
- Caleb Atchison, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
- Calia Walker, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
- Phyllis Bell, O.I.L. Statewide Leadership
- Evan Shaw O.I.L. Statewide Leadership
- Daytona Hodson O.I.L. Statewide Leadership



Thursday, 10:50-11 :20 AM

Panel Room: Liberal Arts North 220 (northeast side of Liberal Arts North)

Contemporary and Emerging Policy Issues

Chair: Dr. Sondra K. Petty, Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Panelists:

- Caleb Atchison, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, “The Problem with Plastic and What We Can Do About It”
- Calia Walker, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, “Religious Intolerance: How Can the Legal Challenges Faced by Queer People in Religiously Dominated Countries be Improved?”

Thursday, 11:20 AM-12:15 PM

Lunch

Room 210 in the College of Liberal Arts on the Second Floor (top level)

Thursday, 12:30-1:45 PM

Keynote Address: The Only Good Settler is a Decolonized Settler

College of Liberal Arts South L01 (Lecture Hall)

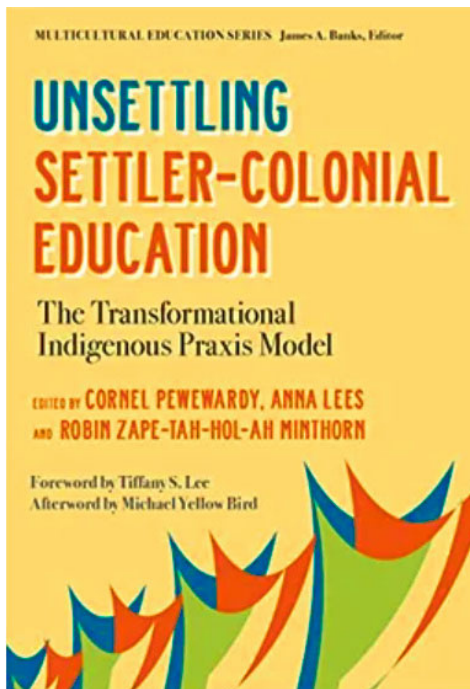
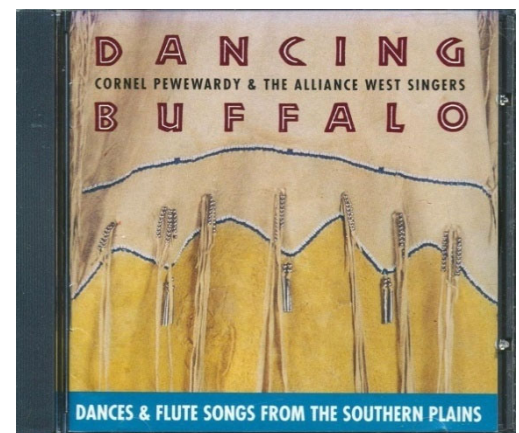


Dr. Cornel Pewewardy is the newly appointed Professor to the UCO Master of Public Administration faculty heading up development of indigenous governance programs. He is the current Vice-Chair of the Comanche Nation and Professor Emeritus in Indigenous Nations Studies at Portland State University. He has held numerous academic appointments including as Professor of Practice in the School of Education at Kansas State University. He is also a renowned musician specializing in traditional Native American music. Dr. Pewewardy was recently awarded the Alumni Fellow Award by the Penn State Alumni Association and the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Indian Education Association.




About the presentation: “The only good Indian is a dead Indian” is an American aphorism uttered by General Phillip Sheridan during the Indian Campaigns of the 1860s and at one time considered a tenable solution to the so-called “Indian Problem.” However, as its implementation

proved to be economically unsound, other more reasonable and ‘civilized’ alternatives were considered by settler governments. Using the analogy of General Sheridan’s aphorism for Indigenous peoples could be “The only good settler is a decolonized settler.” This analogist title signifies that if we, as “sovereign Native/Indigenous Nations” do not defend and preserve our tribal cultures and languages, we will lose them through the homogenization (melting pot) process typical of the American schooling system.



Melissa Rosenfelt, Project Coordinator for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, introduces our keynote speaker. Event is livestreamed internationally courtesy of the American Society for Public Administration’s Conference of Minority Public Administrators.



Thursday, 2:00-3:00 PM

Panel 1: Room Liberal Arts South L01 (Lecture Hall)

Oklahoma Media and Politics

Chair: Dr. Emily Stacey, Program Coordinator, Political Science, Rose State College

Panelists:

- Wendy Soares, OK Fox 25
- Carmen Forman, *The Oklahoma Voice*
- Paul Monies, *Oklahoma Watch*
- Shawn Ashley, *Quorum Call*

Panel 2: Room Liberal Arts South L05 (lower level at the end of the hallway)

Educators Apply a Sustainable Mindset in the Classroom and Beyond

Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Overman, University of Central Oklahoma

Panelists:

- Susan Woods, Assistant Professor, Human Environmental Sciences, University of Central Oklahoma and Advisor, campus chapter of the Food Recovery Network
- Katrina Lacher, Chair of the Department of History and Geography, University of Central Oklahoma
- Vanessa Bentley, Assistant Professor, Humanities and Philosophy, University of Central Oklahoma
- John Wood, Professor of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Central Oklahoma

Thursday, 3:15-4:30 PM

Panel 1: Room Liberal Arts South L01 (Lecture Hall)

Finding Fame in Political Science

Chair: Dr. Rick Farmer, Dean of the J. Rufus Fears Fellowship, Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs

Panelists:

- Kenneth Kickham, Chair of Political Science, University of Central Oklahoma
- Robert Darcy, Professor Emeritus, Oklahoma State University
- Allen Hertzke, Professor Emeritus, University of Oklahoma

Panel 2: Room Liberal Arts South L05 (lower level at the end of the hallway)

Navigating the Storm: Expert Insights on Emergency Management Praxis

Chair: Dr. Alyssa Provencio, Academic Affairs Equity Advocate and Faculty Senate President; Coordinator of the Disaster Management Certificate, University of Central Oklahoma

Panelists:

- Debi Wagner, M.S. CEM; Emergency Manager for the City of Midwest City, OK
- Lieutenant Colonel Brent Hill; Deputy J3/Director of Military Support for the Oklahoma National Guard and the Commander of the 1st Battalion 160th Field Artillery
- Timothy Dwyer, MSFS; Instructor, Forensic Science Institute and the Funeral Service Department at UCO, Former Chief Investigator for the Office of the Chief Medical Investigator
- Carl Dement, PhD, University of Central Oklahoma School of Criminal Justice

Thursday, 4:45-5:30 PM

Room 210 in the College of Liberal Arts on the Second Floor (top level)

General Business Meeting



Thursday, 6:00-8:00 PM

Heritage Room, Nigh University Center

Annual OPSA Awards Banquet (ticketed event)

Keynote Speaker: Christopher Markwood, President Emeritus of Columbus State University, Georgia

- Robert Darcy Lifetime Achievement Award-Dr. Jan Hardt
- Scholar of the Year-Dr. Cornel Pewewardy
- Excellence in Service-James Davenport
- Teacher of the Year-Sondra K. Petty
- ASPA-OK Distinguished Public Service Award-Dr. Shanna Padgham
- Sandra Mace Departmental Service Award-Ali Ashworth



Friday, 8:00-8:30 AM

Registration

College of Liberal Arts South Atrium (lower level across from Pegasus Café near Lecture Hall)

Friday, 8:30-9:50 AM

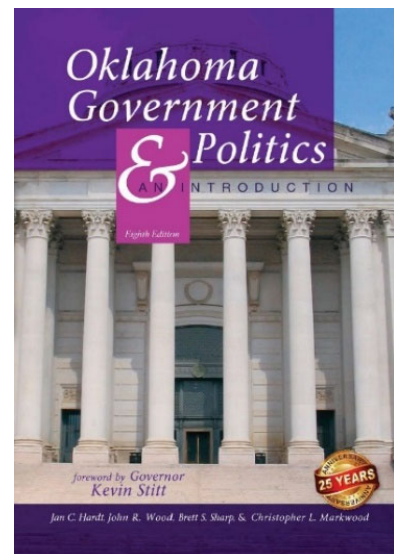
Panel 1: Room Liberal Arts South L01 (Lecture Hall)


25th Anniversary of *Oklahoma Government & Politics: An Introduction*

Chair: Dr. Jan Hardt, University of Central Oklahoma

Panelists:

- Christopher Markwood, AASCU Consulting
- Elizabeth Overman, University of Central Oklahoma
- Brett S. Sharp, University of Central Oklahoma
- Shanna Padgham, Oklahoma City Community College
- Alyssa Provencio, University of Central Oklahoma
- Deb Ferrell-Lynn, University of Central Oklahoma
- Keith Eakins, University of Central Oklahoma
- John R. Wood, University of Central Oklahoma
- James Davenport, Rose State College





Friday, 8:30-9:50 AM

Panel 2: Room Liberal Arts South L05 (lower level at the end of the hallway)

Contemporary Research in Political Science

Chair: Dr. David Rausch, Teel Bivens Professor of Political Science, West Texas A&M University

Discussant: Dr. David Searcy, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Panelists:

- WooJin Kang, Kyungpook National University, Daegu, Korea, **“What Makes Korean Youth Accept the Fairness of Meritocracy?”**
- Rausch, John David and Rausch, Mary Scanlon, West Texas A&M University, **“Constitutional Right to Farm Amendments: What Texas Can Learn from Oklahoma SQ 777”**
- Conner Alford and Sondra Petty, Southeastern Oklahoma State University **“Protecting Important Constituencies: Party Support for Democratic Congressional Candidates Facing African American Republican Candidates in House Races”**

Friday, 10:00-11:15 AM

Panel 1: Room Liberal Arts South L01 (Lecture Hall)

Civility in Politics (sponsored by the Circle of Honor)

Chair: Dr. Rick Moore, Oklahoma Municipal Contractors Association

Panelists:

- Dr. Joe Foote, Dean Emeritus of the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Oklahoma
- Don Davis, President Emeritus of Cameron University
- Pat Hall, former Executive Director of the Oklahoma Public Employees Association and former CEO of the Oklahoma Democratic Party
- Jerry Steward, former member of the OK House of Representatives, former President of Oklahoma City Community College
- Howard Hendrick, former Oklahoma Secretary for Human Services



CENTER FOR STUDIES IN
DEMOCRACY AND CULTURE
The University of Oklahoma



Friday, 10:00-11:15 AM

Panel 2: Room Liberal Arts South L05 (lower level at the end of the hallway)

Supreme Court Roundtable Discussion

Chair: Dr. Keith Eakins, University of Central Oklahoma

Panelists:

- Brenda DuVerney-Chappell, University of Central Oklahoma, ***Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard*** (Affirmative Action case)
- Grant Aguirre-Y-Luker, University of Central Oklahoma, ***Haaland v. Brackeen*** (Indian Child Welfare Act case) and ***Creative, LLC v. Elenis*** (First Amendment rights of website creator case)
- Brandon Burris, Rose State College, ***Moore v. Harper*** and ***Allen v. Milligan*** (Independent State Legislature Theory/Gerrymandering/Voting Rights Act cases)

Friday, 11:30 AM-12:15 PM

Lunch

Room 210 in the College of Liberal Arts on the Second Floor (top level); overflow seating available in LAS 263



Friday, 12:30-1:50 PM

Engaging Families and Empowering Self-Advocates through Grassroots Advocacy

College of Liberal Arts South L01 (Lecture Hall)

Distinguished Keynote Speaker: Emily Scott,
Executive Director of the Autism Foundation of
Oklahoma (co-sponsored by the Oklahoma
Sociology Foundation and ASPA-OK)

Emily Scott is the Executive Director of the Autism Foundation of Oklahoma working to enhance the capacity of systems, individuals and communities across the state to effectively serve Oklahomans with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). She has championed relevant policy initiatives such as HB 2962 which expanded insurance coverage for children with autism. She has been recognized with the Catalyst for Change Award by Oklahomans for Autism Insurance Reform and the Excellence in Autism by the Oklahoma Autism Network.



Dr. Brett Sharp, President-Elect of the Oklahoma Political Science Association introduces our keynote speaker.

Friday, 2:00-2:50 PM

Panel 1: Room Liberal Arts South L01 (Lecture Hall)


The Politics of Neurodiversity

Chair: Dr. Aimee Franklin, University of Oklahoma

Panelists:

- Sarah Baker, MS CCC-SLP; SLPA Program Director/Professor, Oklahoma City Community College
- Ellyn Hefner, Member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
- Tom Taylor, Co-Chair, Autistic Adults of Oklahoma and Law Student, Oklahoma City University
- Emily Scott, Executive Director of the Autism Foundation





Friday, 2:00-2:50 PM

Panel 2: Room Liberal Arts South L05 (lower level at the end of the hallway)

The Dynamics of Contemporary Politics and Policy

Chair: Dr. Loren Gatch, University of Central Oklahoma

Panelists:

- Aaron Mason, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, **“Tribes, Citizenship, Treaties and the Federal Union”**
- Ed Rolison, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, **“A Critical Analysis of the ‘Plural Society Model’ with Reference to Guyana and Electoral Politics Since Independence”**
- Heather Katz, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, **“Information Literacy Efforts on One Campus: Where We’ve Been and the Road Ahead”**

Friday, 3:00-3:50 PM

Panel 2 Room: Liberal Arts South L03 (lower level next to Pegasus Café)

Religion in Politics

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Ryan Kiggins, University of Central Oklahoma

Panelists:

- Jennifer Perez Sandoval, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, **“Religion in Politics: A Comparison of Death Penalty Policy in North and South Dakota”**
- David Searcy, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, **“What Do You Mean ‘Love My Neighbor’?—Evangelicals and Polarization in American Politics”**
- Conner Alford, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, **“Just Peace or a Just Peace: An Application of Reconciliation in the Israel-Palestine Conflict”**

Thank you for attending the 70th Annual Conference of the Oklahoma Political Science Association. We look forward to seeing you next year at Rose State College!



Schedule of the Oklahoma Sociological Association 2023 Conference

Friday, 8:00-8:30 Registration-Sign in

8:30-9:50 Break Out Session 1

A: Transformative Power of Sociology (LAN 223)

Kyle James McNew *Gemeinschaft, Gesellschaft, and Disaster Recovery Responses*

Sarah Fry *Counting Homicides by Police Using Media-Based Data*

Christopher R. H. Garneau *Measuring the Politics of “the People:” Proposing a Quantitative Approach to Operationalize “Thin Ideology” Populism in Social Science Research*

Christopher M. Hill, Daniel Kim, and Siri Nuguri *The Sociology of Subtext and Social Problems in Sergio Corbucci's Django (1966)*

B: Social Transformations (LAN 225)

Brenda DuVerney-Chappell *The New Sexual Revolution of Hookup Culture.*

Byron Miller *Mongolian Gendered Perceptions about Contraception Usage and Family Planning*

Lakshmi Narayanan and Shanker Menon *Remote work in the post-pandemic workplace: Lesson learned and future directions. (zoom)*

Kix Edwards *Short Form and Social Media content and Applying Sociological Concepts*

10:00-10:50 Sociology Keynote Speaker—Johnathan Coley (COM 120)

11:50 -11:25 Business Meeting (COM 120)

11:30-12:15 LUNCH (Room LAN 210)

12:30-1:50 POLS Keynote Speaker (LAS L01-Lecture Hall)

2:00-2:50 Break Out Session 2

A: Family (LAN 221)

LaDonna McCune and Julie Ely *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: The Hardest Job You'll Ever Love*

Chelsea Bullard *Needs of Families Impacted by Incarceration*

Dan Wang, Ami Mariko Hood Frost, Zheng Wang, and Yan Ruth Xia *Do Fathers Matter in Chinese Families? Paternal Parenting Predict Young Children's Behavior Problems*

B: Identity and Other (LAN 223)

Isaac Romero *The interactions between Latinx citizens and law enforcement officers*

Sara K Moon-Seo *Exploring Social Cohesion in a College Classroom*

Cal Easterling *Just War Theory applied to the Israel-Hamas War*

3:00-3:50 Break Out Session 2

A: Education (LAN 225)

LuAnne Kuelzer *Education in the Age of Censorship*

Katharina Jammers *Social Closure's Impact on LGBTQ+ High School Students*

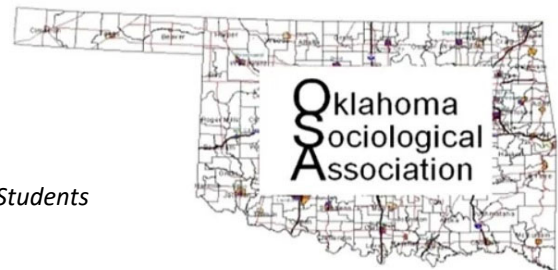
Lori O-Malley *Unique Spaces for Students on a College Campus*

B: Gender (LAN 228)

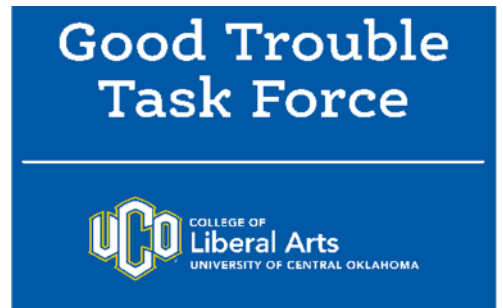
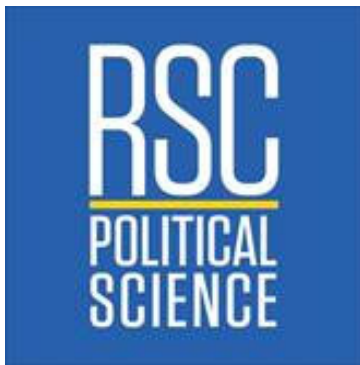
Nina Michalikova *Becoming Bikini Bodybuilders: Challenges and Rewards of Ordinary Women Stepping on Stage*

Elizabeth McElroy *The Gendered Nature of Sexual Satisfaction*

Golasa Sadat Haji Mirzaei *Analyzing Women's and Men's participation in the “Woman, Life, Freedom” Social Movement in Iran.*



Please Thank our Sponsors!



Pi Alpha Alpha
The Global Honor Society for Public Administration



CENTER FOR STUDIES IN
DEMOCRACY AND CULTURE
The University of Oklahoma

