

oklahoma political science association



date/time:
Thursday,
November 7
& Friday,
November 8,
2024



location:
Rose State College
Student Union
1920 Hudiburg
Drive

Welcome to OPSA 2024 and Rose State College!

On behalf of the Oklahoma Political Science Association Executive Board, I am thrilled to welcome you to Rose State College. I am Dr. Emily Stacey, Program Coordinator and Professor of Political Science, and have facilitated what I believe is an engaging and entertaining conference in the wake of the 2024 election.

As the first black woman president-elect of the Oklahoma Political Science Association, I am humbled to represent the diversity and innovation that exist in the field. It is an honor to be a small part of an organization that my mentors belong to and revere.

The OPSA Board and I hope that the variety of panels and conversations will stimulate thinking and provide the basis for future conversations on the American democracy.

Thank you for being here, and enjoy our 2024 OPSA program! Please use #OPSA2024 to promote on socials!

Emily Stacey, Ph.D.
OPSA President-Elect, 2025-2026
#OPSA2024

The logo for Rose State College Political Science, featuring the letters 'RSC' in a large, white, sans-serif font above the words 'POLITICAL SCIENCE' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, all set against a dark blue background with a thin yellow horizontal line separating the two parts.

Democracy In Flux

The theme of this year's conference is "Democracy in Flux" and it perfectly incapsulates the precarious moment that the American democracy finds itself in the 21st century.

The world has witnessed a multitude of events in the last few years that have initiated a shift in the global order and that have had a massive impact on politics, at home and abroad. There has been a distinct and palpable increase in political uncertainty and violence over the course of Summer 2024.

From the multiple assassination attempts on a former president and nominee from a major party, to the sitting president dropping out of his reelection campaign, this year has tested the strength of the American democracy and resiliency of its citizenry.

The election is now over, and the country can begin to move forward in a more unified manner, and one that is less hostile to the mechanisms of democracy. Every presidential election year is an opportunity for the democracy to grow more entrenched and stronger; let us hope that the tumult and ire have subsided and that the American democracy becomes less "in flux".



poster presentations thursday, 9-9:50am

Research Posters will be on display both days in the Student Union Ballroom. Many presenters will be available to discuss their contributions between 9-9:50am on Thursday, November 7.

Student Contributions

- John Kilhoffer, "Churches and Capital Punishment: Considering the Effects of Churches on Death Penalty Policy", Southwestern Oklahoma State University;
- Garrett Trett, "Discrimination in Federal Agricultural Programs", East Central University;
- Abigayle Shropshire, "Justice Desserts: Access to Attorneys in Oklahoma Counties", East Central University;
- Cas Northcutt, " ", East Central University;
- Bruna Chamusca Alves Dias, "Race Relations: Brazil vs. U.S., A Comparative Study", Oklahoma City Community College;

thursday, november 7

8:00–
9:00AM

Registration & Networking



9:00–
9:50AM

Panel 1: Student Poster Presentations, Ballroom A
Panel 2: Joe's Panel, Dr. Joe Campbell, Chair, Ballroom B

10:00–
11:15AM

Panel 1: National Electoral Politics, Dr. Aaron Mason, Chair, Ballroom A
Panel 2: Is the United States and the world at a point of inflection following the U.S. presidential election and wars in the Middle East and Ukraine?, Dr. Elizabeth Overman, Chair, Ballroom B

11:30AM–
12:45PM

Panel 1: Paper Submission Panel: Criminal Justice, Dr. Christine Pappas, Chair, Ballroom B
Panel 2: The SCOTUS's Swings at the Administrative State: Did the Punches Land? , Dr. Keith Eakins, Chair, Ballroom B

1:00–
1:50PM

Lunch featuring a Conversation with Jonathan Rauch, Ballroom A

2:00–
3:15PM

Panel 1: Civic Engagement, Dr. Emily Stacey, Chair, Ballroom A
Panel 2: Oklahoma Politics: Then and Now, Dr. David Searcy, Chair, Ballroom B

3:20–
4:35PM

Panel 1: OK Media and Politics, Dr. Emily Stacey, Chair, Ballroom A
Panel 2: Supreme Hubris? The SCOTUS's 2023–24 Term, Dr. Keith Eakins, Chair, Ballroom A

4:40–
5:55PM

Panel 1: OIL Demonstration, Prof. Conner Alford; Ballroom C
Panel 2: Free Speech & Viewpoint Diversity in OKPOLs, Prof. James Davenport, Chair, Ballroom A
Panel 3: Faculty Paper Submissions (Katz)

6:00–
6:30PM

OPSA General Business Meeting, Ballroom B

6:30–
8:00PM

Dinner and 2024 OPSA Awards Presentation, Ballroom A

friday, november 8

8:30–
9:00AM

Registration

9:00–
10:15AM

Panel 1: What Voters Think: Measuring and Modeling Public Opinion, Dr. Rick Farmer, Chair, Ballroom B

Panel 2: The State of Native Nations in Oklahoma: Settler-colonialism, Politics of Tribal Identity, Nation (Re)Building, MMIWP, Land Back Resistance, and Land-Grant Colleges/Universities; Chair, Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, Ballroom A

10:30–
11:45AM

Panel 1: Legislator Panel, Dr. Brett Sharp, Chair, Ballroom A

Panel 2: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and Critical Race Theory, Prof. James Davenport, Chair, Ballroom B

12:00–
12:50PM

Lunch

1:00–
2:15PM

Panel 1: OK Politics Power Player (lobbyists, heavy-hitters), Dr. Rick Moore, Chair, Ballroom A

Panel 2: Latino and Hispanic Politics in Oklahoma, Prof. Conner Alford, Chair, Ballroom C

Panel 3: State Electoral Politics, Dr. Jan Hardt, Chair, Ballroom B

2:30–
3:45PM

Panel 1: Marriage, Family & Public Policy, Prof. James Davenport, Chair, Ballroom A

Panel 2: First Amendment Panel, Dr. Christine Pappas, Chair, Ballroom B



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panel descriptions: thursday am

9-9:50AM

Student Poster Presentations, Ballroom A, See descriptions above

Panel: The COVID Pandemic's Impact on the Population in the U.S., Dr. Joe Campbell, Chair

10-11:15AM

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- Dr. Rick Farmer, Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs
- Prof. Conner Alford, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
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Panel 2: Is the United States and the world at a point of inflection following the U.S. presidential election and wars in the Middle East and Ukraine?, Ballroom B

- Moderator: Elizabeth Overman, Professor, University of Central Oklahoma
- Louis Furmanski, Emeriti Professor, University of Central Oklahoma
- Husam Mohamad, Professor, University of Central Oklahoma
- Elizabeth Overman, Professor, University of Central Oklahoma

11:30AM-12:45PM

Panel 1: Paper Submission Panel: Criminal Justice, Dr. Christine Pappas, Chair, Ballroom B

- Gabrielle Cole, "Ethical Considerations in Inmate Labor at Louisiana State Penitentiary: Deontological Perspective", University of Central Oklahoma
- Kyle McNew, "OKSB 1854 is Poor Public Policy", Oregon State University
- R. Darcy, "White Supremacy Criminal Justice: The Rogers Family Murders"
- Delanie Seals, "Unconquered and Unconquerable: Historical Context of *McGirt v. Oklahoma*", East Central University

Panel 2: The SCOTUS's Swings at the Administrative State: Did the Punches Land?, Dr. Keith Eakins, Chair, Ballroom B

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panel descriptions: thursday pm

2-3:15PM

Panel 1: Civic Engagement in an Apathetic Democracy, Dr. Emily Stacey, Chair, Ballroom A

- Andy Moore, Civic Learning Coalition, Let's Fix It
- Arielle Mizrahi, Unify America
- Aurelius Francisco, Foundation for Liberating Minds
- Lynn Thompson, Oklahoma Academy
- Sarah Tooley, Build Oklahoma

Panel 2: Oklahoma Politics: Then and Now, Dr. David Searcy, Chair, Ballroom B

- Ed Rolison, "Sam Hawks and the Oklahoma Gubernatorial Campaign of 1930"
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- Shawn Ashley, QuorumCall
- Paul Monies, Oklahoma Watch
- Tres Savage, NonDoc
- Janelle Stecklein, Oklahoma Voice
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Panel 2: Free Speech & Viewpoint Diversity in OKPOLs, Prof. James Davenport, Chair, Ballroom A

- Drs. Kenneth Kickham and John Wood, Defining Democracy: Student & Faculty Perspectives in American Government Education, University of Central Oklahoma
- Dr. Marc Blitz, Oklahoma City University School of Law
- Dr. Mark Griffin, Oklahoma City University
- Dr. Keith Eakins, University of Central Oklahoma

panel descriptions: friday

9-10:15AM

Panel 1: What Voters Think: Measuring and Modeling Public Opinion, Dr. Rick Farmer, Chair, Ballroom B

- Chair: Dr. Rick Farmer, Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs
- Likert Scale Distortions, Dr. Christopher Weaver, Northeastern State University
- Correcting the Trump Undercount in Polling, Dr. David Searcy, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- Using Big Data Models to Identify Voters, Dr. Trevor Smith, WPA Intelligence

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- Rep. Mickey Dollens
- Rep. Andy Fugate
- Rep. Mark McBride

Panel 2: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and Critical Race Theory, Prof. James Davenport, Chair, Ballroom B

- Dr. John Wood, University of Central Oklahoma
- Dr. Robert Reynolds (MD), Mercy Hospital
- Pro. Tuesdae Pelt, Rose State College

1-2:15PM

Panel 1: OK Politics Power Player (lobbyists, heavy-hitters), Dr. Rick Moore, Chair, Ballroom A

- Senate Minority Leader, Sen. Kay Floyd
- House Minority Leader, Rep. Cyndi Munson
- House Majority Leader, Rep. Jon Echols

Panel 2: Latino and Hispanic Politics in Oklahoma, Prof. Conner Alford, Chair, Ballroom C

- Sen. Michael Brooks (founding member of the legislature's Latino Caucus)
- Ms. Nicole Maldonado (former state house candidate)
- Jessica Cifuentes (OKC Public School Board member)
- Victor Castillo (OCPA)

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- Dr. Joe Campbell, Rose State College
- Prof. Tara Hall, Rose State College
- Dr. Shanna Padgham, Oklahoma City Community College

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A Plea for Posterity...

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We would like to begin a living history of the organization, and you can help!

