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Investigating Social and Political Life

Joint Annual Meeting
of the
Wisconsin Sociological Association
and the
Wisconsin Political Science
Association

University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

October 14th, 2011

Welcome to the Joint Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Sociological Association and the Wisconsin Political Science Association! This year's theme is "Investigating Social and Political Life." As you can see from the diverse papers and posters presented today, investigations can occur anywhere: on a local campus or in another country, in our state capitol or in doctors' offices. Our methods of inquiry might differ, but our motives are the same: to understand politics, government and society. In other words, we're all just trying to make sense of everything, but we do that using a variety of tools from our social scientific disciplines.

We hope you enjoy all of the wonderful papers and posters presented today, but most of all, we hope you meet some new colleagues or connect with old ones and share what's happening in your part of the state. Connecting is what these meetings are all about!

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7:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Registration CC339

8:15 a.m.-9:15 a.m. Sessions

CC326 Investigating Student Learning

Chair/Discussant: Cecilia Manrique, UW-La Crosse

"Leveraging Learning Resources: Social Networking, Online Teaching Utilities, Digital Media and the Modern Classroom Experience," Cecilia Manrique, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

"Study Abroad: Student Interest, Attitudes and Concerns," Marlene Fisher, Viterbo University

"Why 'Quality Matters' Matters: What Students Value," Penny Ralston-Berg, World Campus Learning Design, Leda Nath, UWW-Sociology, Bill Mickelson, UWW-Math and Derek Steffen, UWW-Sociology student

CC330 Investigating Environmental Issues

Chair/Discussant: Jo Arney, UW-La Crosse

"Extreme Mining: the Penokee Iron (Taconite) Mine Proposal in Wisconsin," Al Gedicks, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

"Divided Legacy: East and West German Environmental Attitudes," Carol Miller, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

"Values in Environmental Policy Making." Jo Arney, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

CC332 Student Investigators I

Chair/Discussant: Tim Thornton, UW-La Crosse

"The Importance of 'My Wife and Kids' to the Desistance Process," Molly Boss, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

"Substance Use and Risky Sexual Behavior among High School Students: A Partial Test of the Ecological Risk Factor Model," Ethan Rogers, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

"Physical Intimacy and Equity in the Maintenance of College Students' Romantic Relationships," Andrea Turtenwald, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

9:15 a.m. Break/Refreshments CC339

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Sessions

CC326 Investigating Higher Education

Chair/Discussant: Greg Peter, UW-Fox Valley

"Institutionalization of Service Learning in the UW Colleges," Greg Peter, University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley

"Community Based Social Responsibility: Best Practices for Successful Recruitment and Retention of Native American Indian Students," Richard Eckert, University of Wisconsin-Richland

"Infusing Diversity into General Education Requirements Through an Interdisciplinary Path," Marlene Fisher, Viterbo University

CC330 Investigating Political Action

Chair/Discussant: Timothy Dale, UW-Green Bay

"Lights, Camera, Activism! How MoveOn.org Stages and Scripts Offline Activism," Marc Eaton, Ripon College

"Social Media, Public Mobilization, and Political Dissent," Timothy Dale, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

"Cheap Beer: Venue and arena shopping a sin-tax in Wisconsin." Jeremy Arney, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

CC339 Student Investigator Posters

Chair/Discussant: Jennifer Flad, UW-Whitewater

"Perception of Future Idealized Relationships Among Young Adults," Maryam Polley, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

"Post Hate Crime: LGBTQ Student Experiences on a College Campus," Alison Blanchard, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

"Lack of a Standard: An Investigation of Public School Bullying Policies," Katherine Zeininger, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

CC340 Student Investigators II

Chair/Discussant: Jackie Clark, Ripon College

“Back To School: Self-Identity in Students After Age 40,” James Brooks, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

“Predictors of Alcohol Use Among Adolescents Using the Wisconsin At-Risk Youth Survey,” Kristin Gierke, Carthage College

“Looting and Disaster: Japan VS. New Orleans,” Julie Antony, Carthage College

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Sessions

CC326 Current Issues in Government & Politics

Chair/Discussant: Stephen McDougal

Steve Doyle, State Representative (94th Assembly District)

Mark Seitz, Congressional Aide, U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (3rd Congressional District)

Representative from State Senator Jennifer Shilling’s Office (32nd Senate District)

CC330 Investigating Religion, Family & More!

Chair/Discussant: Wayne Thompson, Carthage College

“Leaving the Fold: Disaffiliation of Congregations from the ELCA Since 2009,” Wayne Thompson, Carthage College

“Native American Teen Pregnancy Prevention: A New Direction,” Kevin Schanning, Northland College

“The Daughter-in-Law Experience: Divergent Realities and Relationships,” Autumn Behringer, University of Wisconsin-Rock County

“Thinking about Expressive Individualism, Social Mobility, and Collective Action,” Colin Wang, University of Wisconsin-Marathon County

CC332 Investigating Medical/Legal Professionals’ and Investors’ Perceptions

Chair/Discussant: Leda Nath, UW-Whitewater

“‘The Doctor Won’t See You Now:’ Medical Bias Against Women of Age,” Sheila Bluhm, Mid-State Technical College

“Retail Investors’ Knowledge Surrounding Non-Financial Information for Investment Decision-Making,” Leda Nath, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Lori Holder-Webb, Western New England University and Jeffrey Cohen, Boston College

“Determining Death: Was it really suicide?” Tim Thornton, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

CC340 Student Investigators III

Chair/Discussant: Jackie Clark, Ripon College

"Religion and Attitudes Toward Homosexual Sex and Civil Liberties," Maria Sarantakis, Carthage College

"Attitudes Towards Homosexuality in Galway, Ireland," Ashley Holen, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

"The Youth Bubble: Revolutions in the Middle East and the Shoe-Thrower's Index," Tanya Molzahn, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

"Public Opinion of Police Behavior in Sao Paulo, Brazil," Adia Brooks, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

11:45 a.m-12:00 p.m. Break

12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Luncheon and Awards CC339

1:30 p.m. -3:00 p.m. Workshop and Informational Session

**CC339 Faculty Workshop: Tested Teaching Tips
Workshop: How to Get Your Students So Engaged They
Won't Even Realize They're Learning Something!**

Facilitators:

Jo Arney, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Jackie Clark, Ripon College

Timothy Dale, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Leda Nath, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

**CC342 Student Informational Session: So You're
Thinking about Going to Graduate School?**

Facilitators:

Carol Miller, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Katie Josephson, Graduate Student, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

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WSA/WPSA meeting
with the Sociologists of
Minnesota (SOM)
at UW-River Falls!***

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