Program Schedule

Thursday, October 15, 2009

7:00 a.m. – Conference Registration
Cuyahoga Falls Sheraton
1989 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls

8:30 a.m. – The 2008 Presidential Nomination Contests
Chair: Karl Kaltenthaler, Bliss Institute

• Seeking Competitive Advantage: How Presidential Nomination Campaigns Adapt to Social, Economic, and Technological Change
  Wayne P. Steger, DePaul University, Randall A. Adkins, University of Nebraska-Omaha, and Andrew J. Dowdle, University of Arkansas
• The Return of the Brokered Convention? Democratic Party Rules and Presidential Nominations
  Rick Farmer, Oklahoma House of Representatives
• Determining the Direction of the Party: Running Mate Selection, Primary Campaigns, and Party Ideology
  Julia Azari, Marquette University
• The Racial and Cultural Divide in the 2008 Democratic Primaries
  Joel Lieske, Cleveland State University

10:00 a.m. – Break

10:15 a.m. – The Party System in 2008
Chair: David Cohen, Bliss Institute

• A Party Watershed in the 2008 Election?
  John R. Petrocik, University of Missouri
• Party Factions in 2008
  Howard L. Reiter, University of Connecticut
• Superpower America: An American Politics Scholar Watches the 2008 Election from Abroad
  Robin Kolodny, Temple University
• An Appreciation of Partisanship
  Nancy Rosenblum, Harvard University

12:00 p.m. – Lunch

1:30 p.m. – Partisanship in 2008
Chair: Daniel Coffey, Bliss Institute

• The Consequences of Republican Party Strategy
  Rebekah E. Liscio, Syracuse University and Jeffrey M. Stonecash, Syracuse University
• The Growth and Consequences of Ideological Primary Challenges
  Robert G. Boatright, Clark University
• The Context for Partisanship Stability
  J. Quin Monson, Kelly D. Patterson and Jeremy C. Pope, Brigham Young University
• Walk the Party Line: Individual-Level Determinants of Trust of Political Parties
  William J. Miller, Ohio University
3:15 p.m. – Break

3:30 p.m. – Party Organizations in 2008
Chair: Paul Herrnson, University of Maryland

  Raymond J. La Raja, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Obama’s Net-roots Campaign and the Future of Local Party Organizations
  Daniel M. Shea, Allegheny College
- The Party’s Still Going: County Party Strength, Activity, and Influence
  Melody Crowder-Meyer, Princeton University
- Party-on-the-Periphery: The 2008 Presidential Campaign in Mahoning County
  Melanie J. Blumberg, California University of Pennsylvania, William C. Binning, Youngstown State University, Sarah Lewis, Youngstown State University

6:00 p.m. – Reception
6:30 p.m. - Dinner
7:30 p.m. – Keynote Speaker
Michael Steele, Chair, Republican National Convention

Friday, October 16, 2009

7:00 a.m. – Conference Registration
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8:30 a.m. – Party Activists in 2008
Chair: Steve Brooks, Bliss Institute

  John Jackson, Southern Illinois University and John C. Green, University of Akron
- Networking the Parties: A Comparative Study of Democratic and Republican National Convention Delegates
  Seth E. Masket, University of Denver, Michael T. Heaney, University of Michigan, Dara Z. Strolovitch, University of Minnesota and Joanne M. Miller, University of Minnesota
- The Internet-ilization of American Parties: The Implications of the Unity08 Effort
  Kira C. Allmann, and Ron Rapoport College of William and Mary and Daniel Maliniak, University of California, San Diego
- Organizing for America
  Barbara Trish, Grinnell College

10:00 a.m. – Break

10:15 a.m. – Party Resources in 2008
Chair: Gail Garbrandt, Bliss Institute

- Small Donors, Large Donors and National Party Spending in 2008
  Michael J. Malbin, The Campaign Finance Institute
- What Follows Winning (or Losing) the Majority? Congressional Party Fundraising Responses to Changes in Party Control
  Eric Heberlig, University of North Carolina, Charlotte and Bruce Larson, Gettysburg College
- Rolling in Dough: Campaign Contributors and Contributors in the 2008 Presidential
Election
Costas Panagopolous, Fordham University and John C. Green, University of Akron
- Politics as ‘Team Sport:’ Advantage to the Democrats
  David Magleby, Brigham Young University

12:00 p.m. – Lunch and Panel: Party in Government
Chair: James McHugh, University of Akron
- Barack Obama and the Partisan Presidency
  Richard Skinner, Rollins College
- Party Governance Under Speaker Pelosi
  R. Lawrence Butler, Rowan University
- Do Parties Matter? Legislative Productivity in the States
  William Hicks, University of Florida and Daniel A. Smith, University of Florida
- Party Activists and Representation in the 2006 Elections
  Walter J. Stone, UC Davis and Matthew Pietryka, UC Davis