State of the Parties: 2012 and Beyond Conference

Program Schedule

Thursday, November 7, 2013

8:30 a.m. – Conference Registration
University of Akron Quaker Square Ballroom
135 South Broadway, Akron

10:00 a.m. – National Party Polarization

- Why American Political Parties Can’t Get Beyond the Left-Right Divide
  Edward G. Carmines, Indiana University, Michael J. Ensley, Kent State University, Michael W. Wagner, University of Wisconsin
- American Electorate: Explaining Polarization in Feeling Thermometer Ratings of the Parties
  Alan Abramowitz, Emory University
- The Changing American Voter and Party System
  Edward Hasecke, Wittenberg College, Joel Lieske, Cleveland State University
- Political Identity and Party Polarization in the American Electorate
  David C. Kimball, Bryce Summary, and Eric C. Vorst, University of Missouri-St. Louis

12:00 p.m. – Lunch (Report from Youngstown—Melanie Blumberg & William Binning)

1:30 p.m. – Dual Panels (Choose one of the two)
  Party Nominations
Moderator: M.L. Schultze, WKSU

- The Role of Rules in the 2012 Presidential Nominations
  Caitlin E. Jewitt, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
- The Party Decides Among Candidates
  Wayne Steger, DePaul University
- Kingmakers or Cheerleaders? Party Power and the Causal Effects of Endorsements
  Thad Kousser, University of California, San Diego, Seth Masket, University of Denver, and Eric McGhee, Public Policy Institute of California
- Scandal and Resurgence: Sanford, Weiner, and the Politics of Recovery
  Jeff Smith, The New School, Jay Barth, Hendrix College, and David Nir, Daily Kos

Congressional Party Polarization
Moderator: Mark Niquette, Bloomberg News

- Are These Boots Made for Walking? Ideological in Congressional Parties 1951-2012
  Michael J. Ensley, Kent State University, Michael W. Tofias, apoliticalscience.com, and Scott de Marchi, Duke University
- Congressional Polarization and Presidential-House Election Results
  Jeffrey M. Stonecash, Syracuse University
- Congress: Partisan, Polarized, Yet Not Dysfunctional?
  William F. Connelly, Jr., Washington and Lee University
- Partisan Warriors: The Ugly Side of Party Polarization in Congress
  Sean M. Theriault, University of Texas at Austin
3:30 p.m. – Break

3:45 p.m. – Tea Party Activism
Moderator: Stephanie Warsmith, Akron Beacon Journal
- The Tea Party and the 2012 Election
  Ronald Rapoport, College of William and Mary, Meredith Dost, College of William and Mary, and Walter Stone, University of California, Davis
- The Divided Republicans: Tea Party Supporters, Establishment Republicans, and the Role of Social Networking Media in Driving Polarization
  Peter L. Francia and Jonathan S. Morris, East Carolina University
  William J. Miller, Flagler College and Michael John Burton, Ohio University
- The Failure of the Minor-Party Movement: Causes, Consequences and the Way Ahead
  John C. Berg, Suffolk University

6:00 p.m. – Reception
6:30 p.m. – Dinner
8:00 p.m. – Keynote Speaker

Friday, November 8, 2013

7:00 a.m. – Conference Registration
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8:00 a.m. – Dual Panels (Choose one of the two)
State and Local Partisan Polarization
Moderator: Henry Gomez, Plain Dealer
- Party Polarization in America’s State Legislatures
  Boris Shor, University of Chicago, Harris School
- Two Parties Divided by a Common Language? Regional Sources of Partisan Disagreement
  Daniel J. Coffey, University of Akron
- The End of the Two-Tiered Electoral System
  William G. Mayer, Northeastern University
- Separated We Stand? The Impact of Ideological Sorting on Local Party Dynamics
  Daniel M. Shea, Colby College

Partisan Activities
Moderator: Joe Hallett, Columbus Dispatch
- Different Players, Different Games: The Divergent Paths of Democratic and Republican Party Organizations
  Andrew Scott Waugh, University of California, San Diego
- Changes in Local Party Structure and Activity, 1980-2010
  Douglas D. Roscoe and Shannon Jenkins, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
- The Ground Game from the Voter’s Perspective: 2012 and Before
  Paul A. Beck, The Ohio State University and Erik Heidemann, Kent State University
- Organizing for Action
  Barbara Trish, Grinnell College
10:00 a.m. – Break

10:15 a.m. – Party Resources
Moderator: Tom Beres, WKYC, Cleveland
- *Political Party Activity in the 2012 Elections: Sophisticated Orchestration or Diminished Influence?*
  Diana Dwyre, California State University, Chico and Robin Kolodny, Temple University
- *The Changing Role of Hill Committees in the Age of Super PACS*
  Dante Scala, University of New Hampshire
- *Towards a Typology of Super PACs: Candidate, Party or Group Centered?*
  David B. Magleby, Brigham Young University
- *The Importance of Building a Donor Network in the Presidential Primary: Lessons Learned by the 2012 Republicans*
  Karen D. Sebold and Andrew J. Dowdle, University of Arkansas

12:15 p.m. – Lunch  [You Can’t Make This Up!: Gerald Austin]

2:00 p.m. – Conference Ends