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
Moderator: TBA

- *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
- *Issue Constraint, Party Sorting and Polarization in the U.S. Electorate*
  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: TBA

- *The Role of Rules in the 2012 Presidential Nominations*
  Caitlin E. Jewit, 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 or Recovery*
  Jeff Smith, The New School, Jay Barth, Hendrix College, and David Nir, Daily Kos

Congressional Party Polarization
Moderator: TBA

- *Are These Boots Made for Walking? Ideological in Congressional Parties 1951-2012*
  Michael J. Ensley, Kent State University, Michael W. Tofias, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 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: TBA
- **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

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**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: TBA
- **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: TBA
- **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  [Stories from the Field: Gerald Austin]

2:00 p.m. – Conference Ends