



## STATE OF THE PARTIES VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021, PANEL SCHEDULE

#### 10 - 11:45 a.m. (EST) – THE PUBLIC AND PARTISAN POLARIZATION

Peak Polarization: Ideological Division, Inter-Party Hostility and the Future of American Democracy  
**Alan I. Abramowitz**, Emory University

#Polarized2020: Division and Duress in Partisan Perceptions of COVID-19  
**Eric C. Vorst**, University of Missouri-St. Louis, and **Thomas Leath**, Lindenwood University

The Influence of Party ID on COVID-19 Messaging  
**Lara Wessel**, Georgia Southern University

Political Identity and Beliefs about Stolen Elections in the American Electorate  
**David C. Kimball**, **Anita Manion**, and **Adriano Udani**, University of Missouri-St. Louis

*[Poster Session 1, 11:30 – 12 p.m. (EST) – See Poster Session Schedule on page 3 for details]*

#### 12 - 1:45 p.m. (EST) – PARTY NOMINATIONS

The Consequences of Changing Primary Participation Laws for Party Registration and Partisanship  
**Barbara Norrander**, University of Arizona and Jay Wendland, Daemen College

The Effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Changing Electoral Rules in the 2020 Presidential Nomination  
**Caitlin E. Jewitt**, Virginia Tech, and **Gregory Shufeldt**, University of Indianapolis

U.S. Primary Election Competitiveness 2010-2020  
**Chapman Rackaway**, Radford University

What do the 2020 Congressional Primaries Tell Us About the Direction of the Democratic and Republican Parties?  
**Robert G. Boatright**, Clark University

*[Poster Session 2, 1:30 – 2 p.m. (EST) – See Poster Session Schedule on page 3 for details]*

## 2 - 3:45 p.m. (EST) – STATE OF THE PARTIES

The 2020 Elections: An Era of Unstable Majorities Continues  
**Morris P. Fiorina**, Stanford University

The Public versus the Activists: Party Structure in Modern American Politics  
**Byron Shafer**, University of Wisconsin, and **Regina Wagner**, University of Alabama

What is the Democratic Party, Actually?  
**John C. Berg**, Suffolk University

The Grand New Party: The Republican Party in an Era of Change  
**Brian J. Brox**, Tulane University

*[Poster Session 3, 3:30 – 4 p.m. (EST) – See Poster Session Schedule on page 3 for details]*

## 4 - 5:45 p.m. (EST) – GEOGRAPHY AND PARTISAN POLARIZATION

State-Level Elected Officials, National Party Organizations, and Partisan Polarization in 2020  
**Anthony Sparacino**, University of Richmond

The Rise of the Unaffiliated Registered Voter in North Carolina  
**Michael Bitzer**, Catawba College, **Christopher Cooper**, Western Carolina University,  
**Whitney Ross Manzo**, Meredith College, and **Susan Roberts**, Davidson College

Blue Metros, Red States: The Geography of the 2020 Vote in the Swing States  
**David F. Damore**, **Robert E. Lang**, and **Karen A. Danielsen**, UNLV

Cracking Down: Gerrymandering and the States  
**Joshua J. Weikert**, PhD, Immaculata University



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### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021, POSTER SCHEDULE

#### 11:30 - 12 p.m. (EST) – VIRTUAL POSTER SESSION 1

Support for Ranked Choice Voting and Partisanship of Voters: Results from a National Survey Experiment

**Joseph Anthony**, Auburn University, **David C. Kimball**, University of Missouri St. Louis, **Jamil Scott**, Georgetown University, and **Jack Santucci**, Drexel University

#### 1:30 - 2 p.m. (EST) – VIRTUAL POSTER SESSION 2

American Party Politics: Organizational Asymmetry and Raising Stakes in the Competition for Votes Cast Abroad

**Anca Turcu**, University of Central Florida]

#### 3:30 - 4 p.m. (EST) – VIRTUAL POSTER SESSION 3

Turning the Natural State Red: The Rise of the GOP in Arkansas

**John C. Davis**, University of Arkansas at Monticello]



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### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021, PANEL SCHEDULE

#### 10 - 11:45 (EST) – TRUMPING THE PARTY?

From Tea Party to Trump Party

**Ronald B. Rapoport** and **Henry Crossman**, William and Mary

Democracy and Disinformation: Trump, the Republican Party and the 2020 Election

**Brian Conley**, Suffolk University

The Divided Republicans: How the ‘Paranoid Style’ is Re-Shaping Party Politics

**Peter L. Francia**, East Carolina University

Riot in the Party: Voter Registrations Following the January 6, 2021 Capitol Insurrection

**Daniel A. Smith** and **Sarah Loving**, University of Florida

#### 12 - 1:45 p.m. (EST) – PARTISANSHIP AND IDENTITY POLITICS

Strategic Primordialism: How Political Parties Organize Identity Politics

**Shaheen Mozaffar**, Bridgewater State University

*Party Factions Among the Voters*

**Stephen K. Medvic** and **Berwood A. Yost**, Franklin & Marshall College

*Orwell’s Collapse: Partisan Polarization and Its Effect on Language Use*

**Jakob A. Miller**, Taylor University

*The Partisan Dynamics of Women in Elective Office: 2020 and Beyond*

**Laurel Elder**, Hartwick College

## 2 - 3:45 p.m. (EST) – PARTISAN RESOURCES

Political Parties and Campaign Finance in the 2020 Presidential Election: Joint Fundraising Committees and the Undermining of Contribution Limits

**Brendan J. Doherty**, United States Naval Academy

The Transparency of Congressional Single-Candidate Super PACs

**Paul S. Herrnson**, University of Connecticut and **Christian J. Caron**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Contribution Conundrum of Republican Female Congressional Donors

**Anne Baker**, Santa Clara University and **Monica Schneider**, Miami University of Ohio

Empty Seats, Political Imbalance, and Partisan Asymmetry at the Federal Election Commission

**Karen Sebold**, University of Arkansas

## 4 - 5:45 p.m. (EST) – PANEL 8: PARTISAN ACTIVITIES

State Party Organizations, Independent Expenditures, and Spending Strategies

**Jaclyn J. Kettler**, Boise State University, **Charles R. Hunt**, Boise State University, **Michael J. Malbin**, University of Albany–SUNY, **Brendan Glavin**, The Campaign Finance Institute and **Keith E. Hamm**, Rice University

Nationalized Spending in the 2020 House and Senate Campaigns

**Kenneth M. Miller**, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Are Super PACs Super-Efficient? Independent Expenditures in House Elections

**Dante J. Scala**, University of New Hampshire

The Ground Game in 2020

**Paul A. Beck**, Ohio State University