

SPEAKER AND DISCUSSANTS

Christina Wolbrecht is a professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame, the director of the Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy, and the C. Robert and Margaret Hanley Family Director of the Notre Dame Washington Program. Dr. Wolbrecht specializes in women and politics, political parties, and American political development. Most recently, she is the co-author of *Counting Women's Ballots: Female Voters from Suffrage Through the New Deal* (Cambridge 2016) which won the American Political Science Association's Victoria Schuck prize for the best book on women and politics. She is currently co-writing a book, *A Century of Votes for Women*, on the first one hundred years of women as voters in the United States.

Kjersten Nelson is an Associate Professor of Political Science at North Dakota State University. She has published numerous works on the politics of the federal judiciary, candidate gender, and campaign strategy.

Christina Farhart is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Carleton College. Her research focuses on civic engagement and political psychology.

Kevin Parsneau is a Professor of Political Science at Minnesota State University – Mankato. He is an expert on the American presidency, federal bureaucracy, and campaign communication.

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ST. OLAF COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

ANALYZING AMERICAN ELECTIONS: MINNESOTA'S 2ND DISTRICT AND BEYOND

Thursday, December 6th
1:15 – 7:30 PM
280 Tomson Hall



UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PANELS • EXIT POLL BASED
RESEARCH ON MN CONGRESSIONAL RACES • **RESEARCH ON**
CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN MESSAGING • **STUDENT**
PRESENTERS FROM ST. OLAF COLLEGE AND NORTH DAKOTA
STATE UNIVERSITY

THE SECOND DISTRICT AND BEYOND

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

1:15 – 2:15 INTERDISCIPLINARY POSTER SESSION

Visualizing Incorporation of Rural Immigrants	Melugin
Figure Drawing with local Zumba class	Bryson
Mapping for the Cannon Valley Watershed Partnership	Crowley
Extremity in Campaign Discourse: Examining the Role of Partisan Gerrymandering	Nguyen, Pippert, Tryon
The Language of Sanctions: US Foreign Policymakers and the Division of Rhetorical Labor	Aehl
Predicting Voter Turnout: Demographic and Social Approaches	Cheek, Ha Nguyen, Mykhe Nguyen, Pelayo

2:15 – 3:15 ELECTION FUNDAMENTALS IN THE 2018 MIDTERMS

Determinants of Split Ticket Voting	McDaniel, Schimetz, Strauss, Tryon
Affective Polarization: Ideology Matters More than we Think	Herman, McClain, Turco, Valeriano
Presidential Approval and Vote Choice	Ferguson, Goodson, Szydlak, Wollam
Single-Issue Split-Ticket Voting	Pflibsen
Discussant: Dr. Kjersten Nelson	

3:30 – 4:45 ISSUES AND IDENTITY IN THE 2018 MIDTERMS

Public Opinion and Vote Choice: Policy Voting in Minnesota's 2 nd District	Hinderaker, Jensen, Mikulski, Pitt
Gender Attitudes and Vote Choice: Policy, Partisanship, or Perceived Discrimination	Bade, Gay, Milinovich, Pippert
An Analysis of Vote Choice and Gender in the 2018 Midterm Election	Etienne, Kwok Choon, Mosher, O'Hara
Operation Ideology: Operational and Symbolic Ideologies and Vote Choice	Abendan, Hodel, McAndrews, Wolff
Does Being Female Impact Your Run for Office?	Spreeman
Discussant: Dr. Christina Farhart	

5:00 – 6:00 POLITICAL COMMUNICATION AND THE 2018 MIDTERMS

Campaigning for 'merican Votes	Garcia, Schlaefter, Swanson
Reframing Immigration: Using Unsupervised Learning to Analyze and Add to Framing Literature	Gergen, Nguyen
Wedge Theory of Political Centrism	Aehl, Berthelsen, Myers
Presenting Populism on the Left and the Right	Betekhtin, Stormont, Wiedel
Discussant: Dr. Kevin Parsneau	

6:15 – 7:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Future is Female? Women in American Politics Today	Dr. Christina Wolbrecht, University of Notre Dame
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