

Public Opinion in Crisis

by Douglas Blanks Hindman, 2003 Program Chair

Crisis or no crisis, you answered the call!

You and your colleagues from across the country responded to our call for proposals by sending dozens of outstanding abstracts, many of which are directly related to the conference theme: Public Opinion in Crisis.

Thanks to your hard work and your willingness to share your research with others, the MAPOR Board of Directors was able to put together a program (see pgs. 6-14) that includes six conference theme sessions, ten sessions dealing with public opinion theory and methodology, and a poster session.

In all, 88 papers are scheduled for presentation at the 2003 meeting of the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research.

It all happens Nov. 21 and 22, as always the Friday and Saturday before Thanksgiving, in the Radisson Hotel & Suites Chicago, 160 East Huron, one half block east of Michigan Avenue.

You can eliminate one crisis from your own life by making your hotel reservations early enough to take advantage of our special group rate. Be sure to mention MAPOR as you make your reservations by calling 800-333-3333. The rates are the same as last year's: \$152 single, \$172

double, \$199 single corner suite, \$219 double corner suite. By registering at the Radisson Hotel & Suites Chicago, you are really helping the MAPOR Board control the costs of our conference. This year's conference theme sessions reflect a wide range of interpretations of "Public Opinion in Crisis." Topics include: agenda setting and framing effects related to terrorism and the war in Iraq; invited panels on embedded journalists and building trust in

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research; a session on political protest and dissent; a session on methodological challenges facing the public opinion industry; and a session on support for wars and leaders during national crises.

Of the remaining sessions, three include papers dealing with civic participation, social capital and community involvement, two address new technologies, two are about health and science communication, and the remaining sessions deal with perennial MAPOR favorites: politics, persuasion, perception, and the international context of public opinion. No

crisis here: just a bunch of great papers

Rounding out the program is a poster session full of high-quality papers that are particularly well-suited to one-on-one presentations, an entertaining Pedagogy hour with AAPOR President Elizabeth Martin Friday evening and our luncheon speaker, Air Force Brigadier General Ronald Rand, who will link the conference theme to military-press relations.

Long-term MAPOR members also know that non-refereed "sessions" will run near the refreshment tables. Public Opinion in Crisis topics to be addressed include Ahnold, Arianna, and the current score in the Ohio State-Michigan game.

First-time MAPOR conference attendees: you can expect a friendly reception, an open and encouraging attitude towards your research, and the chance to meet a lot of nice folks.

If this is the first time you are presenting a paper at an academic conference: beware. This may very well become your all-time favorite conference—the one you come back to year after year.

Here's hoping you all have a crisis-free autumn and a safe journey to Chicago in November. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you, again and again.

The President's Column...

by Julie Andsager

With the increasing conglomeration of the news media, I was beginning to think that local news was on its way out. Then I moved to Iowa.

Surely you saw the CBS News poll in late August that produced the somewhat amazing finding that only 35% of Americans could name any of the Democrat candidates for president.

Now, these data really shouldn't surprise me, but they do. I think it's because I'm experiencing my first season of all-out campaigning for the vaunted Iowa caucuses coming up in January.

If you have never lived in Iowa prior to a presidential election year, let me just say this: Iowans take their role in sorting the wheat from the chaff *very* seriously. And the candidates seem to practically live here.

What is interesting, though, is the incredible amount of coverage our Iowa newspapers devote to the candidates – and, more specifically, how the media frame each one. Issues are important, to be sure, but the coverage suggests a crucial moment in framing of the candidates, possibly for the remainder of the election season.

Let me give you some examples of Iowa news that you may not be getting

in your local media. I am not trying to mock Iowa, of course; any locale would find its own unique news. But given what we know about media framing and its effect on public opinion, this may be illustrative.

- Kerry's "off-putting tone" has left Iowans flat, according to Iowa Presidential Watch.com (and widely reported in local news). He called hog lots "aromatic" – stating the obvious – and then said he came to Iowa and was "going to get a hay bale to stand on." This kind of coverage, I suspect, will actually benefit Kerry elsewhere by showing a sense of humor, but here it has inspired lots of letters to the editor regarding his wealthy, big city status.

- Dick Gephardt is facing the characterization of blandness, so he has set out to win the hearts and minds of Iowans with his Iowa pie contest. Gephardt's web site – where you can track the places he's eaten pie – notes that "Iowa has a long tradition of bringing great pies to our nation." What will the folks in New York City make of this, I wonder?

- Here's my favorite. It seems

that soccer moms are out; NASCAR dads are in. Turns out that Bob Graham and John Edwards have both sponsored NASCAR cars (apparently doing so helped Democrat Mark Warner's successful run for Virginia governor in 2001).

According to The Gazette (Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Sept. 2), "car sponsorships could reach people who don't normally follow politics" – this from a 35-year-old recent father and registered voter who doesn't usually vote.

He's got a point. We know that name recognition is crucial. But how likely is it that this new dad will actually get to the polls that day?

Last comment on the NASCAR dad story: This article received 23 inches of text, five color photos, and an 84-point headline on the front page of Section B. Meanwhile, Dennis Kucinich, who spoke to about 350 people in Iowa City on Labor Day, received 15 inches of coverage with a tiny, file mugshot on page 5B. And the clincher? Most of the dads say they plan to vote Republican.

See you in Chicago!

MAPOR Officer Election Slate for 2003-2004

This month, the election ballots will be mailed to all active MAPOR members. As will be mentioned in the mailing, you may vote by mail or email. Ballots must be postmarked by October 31, 2003 and email ballots must be sent by midnight of the 31st local time to Julie Andsager.

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MAPOR: An Undemocratic Recall

by Richard M. Perloff

The on-again, off-again California recall election has spawned so many late night gags that the comedians must surely want the twists and turns to continue forever. But beneath the jokes about Arianna and Arnold are serious issues about the merits of direct democracy and the role public opinion plays in the process.

The debate about the wisdom of initiative politics -- an issue that has energized political scientists and communication scholars -- must be seen as part of the time-honored philosophical tension between Jeffersonian faith in the people and Hamiltonian distrust of irrational popular will. Populist advocates of direct democratic initiatives, such as the California recall, argue that established institutions are out of touch with the American people and that, in the end, the solution to the problems that ail us is not less democracy, but more of it, the zanier the better. Critics, such as journalist David Broder and political scientists trained in the conventional representative government tradition, argue that special interests inevitably hijack the electoral process, low-involvement voters process information in dangerously peripheral ways, and reformist efforts are led by groups unaccountable to the electorate.

Scholarly research can clarify some of these issues. None of the ballot initiatives -- which, incidentally, run from the serious (physician-assisted suicide) to the bizarre (thong bathing suit restrictions) -- could be mounted without the contributions of wealthy individuals and organized lobbies. The California recall would never have occurred, had it not been for the money, energy, and professionalized efforts of organizer Darrell Issa. But money is not the mother's milk of electoral victory. Media hype to the contrary, initiatives frequently fail because voters are more comfortable voting against a change in the status quo than endorsing a risky political shift.

It is frequently alleged that initiative campaigns are anti-democratic because they violate the democratic norm of competence. According to this view, voters are insufficiently informed to render a rational verdict. Yet, focusing on the California recall, the shifts in public sentiment that correlated temporally with

campaign events (e.g., Schwarzenegger's refusal to debate), increase in support for Davis after other candidates faltered, and thoughtful voter comments reported in the national press (as well as voters' refusal to take Gary Coleman seriously!) all suggest that voters processed political information reasonably. Indeed, recall elections, inasmuch as they require retrospective evaluations of political figures, probably stimulate more rational voter processing than the garden variety of issue initiatives.

Still, I find the California recall to be very troubling, from a democratic theory perspective. A small group of ideologically-minded, extraordinarily wealthy individuals were able to mount a media campaign attempting to recall an elected public official. Even if one acknowledges Davis's failure to deal effectively with the energy companies and appreciates opponents' frustrations with his leadership, the fact is that many of the problems that ailed Davis and California were caused by factors beyond his control, such as Prop 13's crippling effects on state services. Yet professionalized petition circulators, skillfully exploiting peripheral cues, were able to mount a successful drive to get the recall on the California ballot. More gravely, recall proponents were able to circumvent the democratic mechanism of elections in their zeal to remove a negatively-evaluated public official from office.

The recall is yet another example of what Larry Sabato and his colleagues call "dangerous democracy." It can be seen in other recent efforts to delegitimize democratic outcomes (the attempt to oust Clinton from office, Gore's challenge of the 2000 Florida election results, Bush's refusal to "count the votes," and New Jersey Democrats' successful appeal to the courts to allow them to field a candidate after Senator Robert Torricelli withdrew from the race).

The nation will survive such anti-democratic efforts. However, their drawbacks move one to ruefully recall what Benjamin Franklin was said to have replied to a Philadelphia woman who asked what the Framers' convention had given the new American citizens. "A Republic," Franklin replied -- "if you can keep it."

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Friday, Nov. 21
8:30 a.m. -5 p.m.
Intermezzo

Registration (coffee, tea, bakery)

10 – 11:30 a.m.

Paper Session 1
Public Opinion in Crisis I: Agenda Setting and Framing

Moderator: **Michael Huge**, The Ohio State University

Reporting the War: The Military Analysts' Role in Intermedia Agenda-Setting
Deborah Bush Haffey and **Clark Greer**, Cedarville University

The Shaping of Public Opinion: The Effects of Campaign Against Terrorism Frame on Audience Evaluations of Relations Between Two Countries
Shafiqur Rahman, Southern Illinois University

Framing the War: Weapons of Mass Destruction vs. Iraqi Freedom
F. Gilland Welsch and **H. Allen White**, Murray State University

Mediating the Anthrax Attacks: Media Accuracy and Agenda-Setting at Times of National Threat
Shahira Fahmy, Southern Illinois University

Discussant: **Gerald Kosicki**, The Ohio State University

10 – 11:30 a.m.

Paper Session 2
Source and Message Effects

Moderator: **Seung Jun Moon**, University of Wisconsin

Who and How? Investigating Sources and Characterizations in Elite British Newspaper Coverage of the "911" Attack
Li Zeng and **Zhiwen Xiao**, Southern Illinois University

Consider the Source: How perceived Bias Affects Message Credibility
Julie Andsager, University of Iowa

Source Matters: The Influence of Perceived Credibility on Cognition of Newspaper Stories
Cory Armstrong and **Michelle R Nelson**, University of Wisconsin

Taking a Stand: The Impact of Celebrities Who Speak Out
H. Allen White, **Stephanie L. Minix**, and **Sara Schmitt**, Murray State University

Discussant: **Richard Perloff**, Cleveland State University

10 – 11:30 a.m.

Paper Session 3
Survey Methodology

Moderator: **Gordon Willis, National Cancer Institute**

Comparison of Computerized Event History Calendar and Question-list Interviewing Methods: A Two-year Health History Study

Mandi Yu, Moh Yin Chang, Feiwen Cheng, Asha Jayaprakash, and Robert Belli, University of Nebraska Lincoln

Effect of Single Versus Multiple Questions per Page on Data Quality In Web-Based Surveys

Andy Peytchev, University of Michigan

Modeling the Predictors of Response Rates for the HEDIS/CAHPS 3.0H Survey

Effect of Context on Responses to Routine Survey Questions: Tests of a Cognitive Hypothesis

Moh Yin Chang and **Shaheen Halim**, University of Nebraska Lincoln

Effect of Context on Responses to Routine Survey Questions: Tests of a Cognitive Hypothesis

Hugh J. Martin, University of Georgia

Discussant: **Ward Kay**, Adirondack Communications

11:45-1:15

Luncheon (Ticket Required)
War and Peace – and Public Opinion

Presiding **Julie Andsager**, MAPOR President
MAPOR Fellow Top Student Paper Award

Speaker **Brig. Gen. Ronald T. Rand**
Director of Air Force Public Affairs

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1:30- 3 p.m.

Panel
Public Opinion in Crisis II: Embedded Journalists

Moderator **Steve Everett**, DSD Laboratories, Inc.

Panelists **Aamer Madhani**, *Chicago Tribune*
Brig. Gen. Ronald T. Rand, *USAF*
Others TBD

1:30- 3 p.m.

Paper Session 4
Public Opinion in an International Context

Moderator: **Cory Armstrong**, University of Wisconsin

Acculturation in the Global Marketplace

Kimberly A. Neuendorf, Brian F. Blake, and Colin Valdiserri, Cleveland State University

How Much of What We Know Determines How What We Believe? An Examination of the Relationship Among International Political Knowledge, Personal Ideology and Mass Media Consumption and Stereotypes of Russians and Eastern Europeans

Elza Ibroscheva, Southern Illinois University

National Identity and the Emotional Economy of the European Union: A Comparison of the New and Old Member Nations

Allan McCutcheon, University of Nebraska Lincoln

Responses of Korean Immigrant Consumers to Advertising Stimuli

Seung-jun Moon and **Michelle Nelson**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: **Weiwu Zhang**, Austin Peay State University

3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Panel

Public Opinion in Crisis III

Building Trust in Survey Research

Moderator **Matthew Nisbet**, The Ohio State University

Sponsor: **Communication Theory & Methodology Division** of the Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication.

Panelists **Michael Traugott**, University of Michigan
David Weaver, Indiana University
Gerald Kosicki, The Ohio State University

3:15- 4:45 p.m.

Poster Session

A Test of the Indexing Hypothesis: An Analysis of the U.S. Media Coverage of the Debate over the War in Iraq
Eunseong Kim, Indiana University

Applying Media Systems Dependency Theory to the College Audience and Political News
Michel M. Haigh, University of Oklahoma

Application of Geographic Information Systems to Enhance the Accuracy of Listed Samples
Aaron Maitland, Iowa State University

Proposal to evaluate the agriculture extension related program broadcast on statewide public broadcast station
Fei-Wen Cheng, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

The Scale Development of Parent Involvement Attitude Questionnaire (PIAQ)
Shu-Ren Chang, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Wireless Surveys: A New Paradigm in Survey Research
Kumar Nagarajaro, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Socially Desirable Responses and Water Conservation
Matthew Corrigan, Florida Center for Public Policy and Leadership

Models of THE response answering process: Historical overview, comparison and evaluation
Mario Callegaro, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Independent Two-group Statistical Tests for Small Survey Samples
Emila Peytcheva and **Andy Peytchev**, University of Michigan

Assessment of Don't Know and No Opinion Responses to Community Surveys
Aaron Maitland, Iowa State University

3:15- 4:45 p.m.

Poster Session, continued.

Comparing Internet “River,” Internet “Panel” and RDD CATI Sampling; Do The Differences Affect The Data?
Eric Taylor, Western Wats

LINC: Software for the simultaneous LINear Clustering of individuals and their properties useful for survey and other analyses

David Fan, University of Minnesota

Nothing But Net: A Survey of Online Buying Among Sports Enthusiasts

Kristine Kraneburg, Thomas J. Johnson, Southern Illinois University and **Barbara K. Kaye**,
University of Tennessee

A Content Analysis of the Online Polls of Local Press and Measure of Framing Effect: Based on Consensus-Building in Local Public Opinion, the Roles of the Press Represented in the Polls, and Crisis/Non-crisis Related Polls

Jongbae Hong, Southern Illinois University

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Cocktail Pedagogy Hour
Methodological Influences on Comparability of Race Measurements:
Several Cautionary Examples

Presiding **Julie Andsager**, MAPOR President

Speaker **Elizabeth Martin**, U.S. Census Bureau, AAPOR President

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7:00 p.m.

Welcome Dinner (Dutch treat)

New and longtime members and guests are invited to join MAPOR's President, **Julie Andsager**, and other MAPOR members for dinner. This will give everyone a chance to meet other MAPOR members and participants.

Saturday, November 22nd

8:00 a.m. – Noon
Intermezzo

Registration (coffee, tea, bakery)

8:30-10 a.m.

Paper Session 5
Mass Media and Democratic Participation

Moderator: **Brandon Rottinghouse**, Northwestern University

Media Use and Participatory Democracy in South Korea:

Sei-Hill Kim, Saint Mary's College and **Miejeong Han**, Hanyang University

Predispositions, Framing, and Group Attitudes: Interactive Effects on the Motivation to Participate

Cory L. Armstrong, Michael P. Boyle, Jaeho Cho, Mike Schmierbach, Hyunseo Hwang, Seungahn Nah, Michael R. McCluskey, Douglas M. McLeod, and Dhavan V. Shah, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Media, Community Stability, and Community Involvement: A Multi-level Analysis
Hye-Jin Paek and **Dhavan V. Shah**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Journalists on Polls and Public Opinion: What Are Their Views?
David Weaver, Indiana University

Discussant: **Leo Jeffres**, Cleveland State University

8:30-10 a.m.

Paper Session 6
Public Opinion in Crisis III: Protest and Dissent

Moderator: **Moh Yin Chang**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Communication and Participation Around the War in Iraq: Online and Offline Routes to Civic and Protest Activism

Seungahn Nah, Shelley J. Boulianne, Nora S. Croll, Ray J. Pingree, Seung Min Shin, Aaron S. Veenstra, and Dhavan V. Shah, University of Wisconsin-Madison

What Does the Public Have to Say Against This? Protesting the War on Iraq through Editorials and Letters to the Editor

Dan Berkowitz, Amani Ismail, and Mervat Youssef, University of Iowa

Media Frames of Protest Groups: The Effects of Exposure on Perceived Legitimacy
Lindsay Hoffman and **Michael E. Huges**, The Ohio State University

Media Dissociation, Internet Use, and Anti-War Political Participation
Hwang Hyunseo, EunKyung Kim, Namjin Lee, Seunghyun Lee, Jyejin Paek, Mike Schmierbach, Homero Gil de Zuniga, and Dhavan V. Shah, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: **Doris Graber**, University of Illinois-Chicago

8:30-10 a.m.

Paper Session 7
Public Opinion and Health

Moderator: **Deb Houden**, University of Wisconsin

Communicating the Threat of Smallpox: Inoculating Against Panic
Catherine Crawley, University of Tennessee

A Second-Level Agenda Setting Study of Arguments For and Against Harry Truman's National Health Insurance Plan

Brian Hensel, University of Missouri

Ain't No Shame: How African American Women's Magazines Frame Femininity in Health News About Obesity-Related Illnesses

A. Denita Gadson, University of Iowa

Marijuana Users: Real People with Real Problems
Taylor Moseley, University of Nevada-Las Vegas

Discussant: **Cecilie Gaziano**, Research Solutions, Inc.

10:15-11:45

**Paper Session 8
Science and Values**

Moderator: **David Fan**, University of Minnesota

Values and the Genesis of Risk, Benefit, and Public Opinion

Kurt Neuwirth, University of Cincinnati, **Edward Frederick**, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
and **Charles Mayo**, University of Southern Mississippi

The Competition for Worldviews: Religion, Media, & the Stem Cell Controversy

Matthew C. Nisbet, The Ohio State University

The Stem Cell Controversy: Towards a Model of Mediated Issue Development

Matthew C. Nisbet, The Ohio State University, **Dominique Brossard**, and **Adrianne Kroepsch**, Cornell

Public Opinion About Stem Cell Research and Human Cloning

Matthew C. Nisbet, The Ohio State University

Media and Scientific Citizenship: Exploring Media Effects on Feelings of Efficacy for Science-Related Issues

Dominique Brossard, **Dietram Scheufele**, Cornell University, and **Matthew C. Nisbet**, The Ohio State University

Discussant: **K. Viswanath**, National Cancer Institute

10:15-11:45

**Paper Session 9
Internet Use and Democratic Participation**

Moderator: **TBA**

The Factors Influencing Internet Use as an Alternative Media: Mainstream Media Dissociation, Media Trust, and the Internet Use

Hwang Hyunseo, **Gun Hyuk Lee**, **Min Sun Shin**, and **Seung Gwan Park**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Bowling and Surfing: Linking Dimensions of Internet Use and Civic Engagement

Patricia Moy, **Keith Stamm**, **Edit Manosevitch**, and **Kate Dunsmore**, University of Washington

Connecting Offline and Online Civic Communities: The Effects of Community Context and Internet Use on Community Engagement

Seungahn Nah, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The Web of Public Opinion: The Influence of the World Wide Web on Democratic Citizenship

Bruce W. Hardy and **Dietram Scheufele**, Cornell University

Discussant: **Benjamin Bates**, University of Tennessee

10:15-11:45

**Paper Session 10
News Industry and Public Opinion Trends**

Moderator: **TBA**

Trends in Confidence in Institutions and People, 1972-2002

Tom W. Smith and **Jibum Kim**, NORC

Altruism in Contemporary America
Tom W. Smith, NORC

The Impact of Internal Labor Markets On Newspaper Industry Diversification
Lee B. Becker and **Tudor Vlad**, University of Georgia, **George Daniels**, University of Alabama,
and **Hugh J. Martin**, University of Georgia

Discussant: **Teresa Mastin**, Michigan State University

11:45 – 1:45

Lunch (on your own)

1:45-3:15

Paper Session 11
Public Opinion in Crisis V: Methodological Challenges

Moderator: **Andy Peytchev**, University of Michigan

When Parametric Assumption Violations Compromise Linear Regression Research
Bryan Denham, Clemson University

Check-all-that-apply Race: What Do We Get?
Ward Kay, Adirondack Communications

Latent Class Models for Studying Measurement-Related Mode Effects in Mixed-Mode Surveys
Allan McCutcheon, University of Nebraska Lincoln

Data Collection Mode Effects Controlling for Sample Origins in a Panel Survey: Telephone versus Internet
Cindy Chatt, University of Nebraska Lincoln and **J. Michael Dennis**, Knowledge Networks,
Inc.

An Examination of Controlled Access Housing Units in Chicago from the National Survey of Drug Use and
Health (NSDUH)
Joe Murphy, **Joe Eyerma**n, and **Jim Brantley**, RTI International

Discussant: **Joey Reagan**, Washington State University

1:45-3:15

Paper Session 12
Public Opinion and Politics

Moderator: **Lindsay Hoffman**, The Ohio State University

Communication Patterns and Public Opinion in a Lopsided Election Campaign
Gerald M. Kosicki and **Angela Yuan**, The Ohio State University

Voting and Authoritarianism: The Mediating Role of Media Use, Discussion, Efficacy and Trust
John C. Besley, **Janie Diels**, and **Erik C. Nisbet**, Cornell University

Praying, Crying, Stumping, and Lawmaking: Public Opinion on when Religious Talk by Political Officials is
More and Less OK
Ken Blake, **Robert O. Wyatt**, and **Ranjan Paul Watson**, Middle Tennessee State University

Agenda-Building and Framing Processes During the Trent Lott Saga
Weiwu Zhang, **Rosemary Althoff**, and **Kristy Galbraith**, Austin Peay State University

Discussant: **Dietram Scheufele**, Cornell University

1:45-3:15

Paper Session 13
Internet use, Public Opinion, and Diffusion

Moderator: **Seungahn Nah**, University of Wisconsin

Explaining Fragmented Internet News Consumption: Social Locus and Internet Dependency Relations Approaches

Jin Yang, Southern Illinois University

A Study of News Diffusion Revisited with the Internet: How the News of Space Shuttle Columbia Explosion Diffuses Through College Students

Daekyung Kim, Southern Illinois University

A Diffusion of Innovations Survey to Increase Internet Usage Among Family Physicians

Fiona Chew, Syracuse University, **William Grant**, Upstate Medical University, and **Rohit Tote**, Syracuse University

Wag the Blog: How Reliance on Traditional Media and the Internet Influence Perceptions of Weblogs Among Blog Users

Thomas J. Johnson, Southern Illinois University, and **Barbara K. Kaye**, University of Tennessee

Discussant: **Kim Neuendorf**, Cleveland State University

3:30-5

Paper Session 14
Public Opinion in Crisis VI: Public Support for Wars and Leaders

Moderator: **Euseong Kim**, Indiana University

Mobilizing the “Silent Center”: Alternative Measures of Public Opinion on Vietnam Within the Johnson White House

Brandon Rottinghaus, Northwestern University

News Magazines Coverage and President George W. Bush’s Approval Ratings

Zhiwen Xiao and **Li Zeng**, Southern Illinois University

9/11 and “Rally Around the Flag”

Thomas Lamatsch and **Joseph S. Strother**, University of Nevada-Las Vegas

Media and Perceptions of the War in Iraq in Europe, Asia and the Middle East

Lars Wilnat, George Washington University

Discussant: **Thomas Johnson**, Southern Illinois University

3:30-5

Paper Session 15
Democracy and Political Participation

Moderator: **Mervat Youssef**, University of Iowa

Nonparticipation in Public Political Activities as Self-Censorship

Andrew F. Hayes and **Michael E. Huges**, The Ohio State University

What Makes Good Citizens—Joining with Others or Acting Alone To Solve Problems?

Weiwu Zhang and **Ellen Kanervo**, Austin Peay State University

Adolescents and the Culture of Poverty: Why Are We “Out” of Democracy?

Edward M. Horowitz, Kimberly A. Parker, and Johan Wanstrom, University of Oklahoma

Discussant: **Patricia Moy**, University of Washington

3:30-5

**Paper Session 16
Media and Public Perceptions**

Moderator: **Amani Ismail**, University of Iowa

Implications of Coming to Grip with "The Holy Ghost": Testing the Third Person Effect of Media Reports of Opinion Polls

Joseph Abisaid, Zhongdang Pan, Hye-Jin Paek, Ye Sun, and Debra Houden, Wisconsin-Madison

"Others May be Duped, but Not Me": Exploring the Media Effects Schemas and Their Consequences

Debra Houden, Zhongdang Pan, Hye-Jin Paek, Ye Sun, and Joseph Abisaid, Wisconsin-Madison

Black College Students' Perceptions of the Serial Snipers

Mahmoud A. Braima and Yun Feng, Southern University and A & M College

Are the Astronauts In Heaven? A Report from the Buckle of the Bible Belt

Robert O. Wyatt, Ken Blake, and Ranjan Paul Watson, Middle Tennessee State University

Discussant: **David Tewksbury**, University of Illinois

5-5:30

Business Meeting

**5:30 – 6:30
Intermezzo**

Social Hour