

“Democracy in the U.S. States” Conference
Center for American Political Responsiveness (CAPR)
McCourtney Institute for Democracy
March 16-17, 2023

Thursday, March 16

Innovation Hub, Downtown State College

- 1pm-2pm Michael Olson, Washington University in St. Louis
“‘Restoration’ and Representation: Legislative Consequences of Black Disfranchisement in the American South, 1879-1916”
Discussant: Andrene Wright
- 2pm-3pm Jordan Butcher, Arkansas State University
Jennifer Selin, Administrative Conference of the United States
“How Free is Information? Transparency in State Government”
Discussant: Michael Nelson
- 3pm-4pm Eric Hansen, Loyola University, Chicago
“How Has Mass Higher Education Affected Democratic Politics? A View from the States”
Discussant: Shanna Pearson
- 4:30pm-6pm Jamila Michener, Cornell University
“Race, Class, and Power in a Fragmented Democracy”
- 6pm-7:30pm Reception and Graduate Student Poster Session
Marcy Shieh, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Audrey Baricovich, University of Kentucky
Galen Sheely, University of Virginia
Kasey Vangelov, University of Maryland
Nathaniel Flemming, Penn State
Megan Kennedy, Penn State
Morrigan Herlihy, Penn State
Taran Samarth, Penn State

Friday March 17

Pond Laboratory, Room 302

- 9am-10am Scott LaCombe, Smith College
“Institutional Design and the Volatility of Policy Responsiveness in the American States”
Discussant: Chris Witko
- 10am-11am Zoe Nemerever, Utah Valley University (with Steven Rogers and Dan Butler)
“Referenda as Report Cards on Legislative Representation”
Discussant: Dan Mallinson
- 11am-12pm Jason Windett, UNC-Charlotte (with Nathaniel Birkhead and Jeff Harden)
“The Spatial Politics of Backlash”
Discussant: Bruce Desmarais