Yale American Politics and Public Policy Workshop

Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:15 p.m.
ISPS, 77 Prospect Street, Room A002

Spring 2018

JAN 17  Frances Lee, Distinguished Scholar-Teacher & Professor of Government and Politics, University of Maryland
“Party Power and Lawmaking: Majority Party Capacity in an Era of Strong Parties”

JAN 24  Doug Ahler, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Florida State University/Vanderbilt University
“The Cognitive Roots of Misperceptions About Party Composition”

JAN 31  Scott Bokemper, Postdoctoral Associate, CSAP/ISPS, Yale University
“An Experiment on the Political Economy of Disability Insurance”

FEB 7  Molly Reynolds, Fellow in Governance Studies, Brookings Institute
“Who Fights the Good (Party) Fight? Individual Incentives to Engage in Partisan Messaging in the U.S. Senate”

FEB 14  Kassandra Birchler, Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, Yale University
“Don’t Be So Shocked: Anxiety Affects the Redistribution of Economic Resources Among Groups”

FEB 21  Adam Thal, Postdoctoral Associate, ISPS Policy Lab, Yale University
“Status Update: The Social Origins of Affluent Americans’ Views Toward Inequality”

MAR 1*  Steve Callander, Herbert Hoover Professor of Public and Private Management & Professor of Political Economy, Stanford Graduate School of Business
“Policy Advice in a Complicated World”

MAR 28  Mini-Talks by Annabelle Hutchinson & Molly Offer-Westort, Ph.D. Students in Political Science, Yale University
“Prospectus Brain-Storming Session: The Changing U.S. Labor Market and the Political Gender Gap”
“Negative Income Tax Experiments: Addressing Differential Attrition”

APR 11  Sharece Thrower, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Vanderbilt University
“Legislative Constraints on Executive Unilateralism in Separation of Powers Systems”

APR 18  Ariel White, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
“Family Matters? Voting Behavior in Households with Criminal Justice Contact”

APR 25  Lilla Orr, Ph.D. Student in Political Science, Yale University
“Prospectus Brainstorming Session: Policy Response to the U.S. Opioid Crisis”

*Joint with the Leitner Political Economy Seminar

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Fall 2017

SEP 6  Albert Fang, Postdoctoral Associate, ISPS/CSAP, Yale University
“How Citizens Evaluate Trade-offs between Descriptive and Partisan Representation”

SEP 13  Andrew B. Hall, Assistant Professor in Political Science, Stanford University
“Who Punishes Extremist Nominees? Candidate Ideology and Turning Out the Base in U.S. Elections” (with Daniel M. Thompson)

SEP 20  Jerome Schafer, Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, Yale University
“Time Preferences in Political Behavior”

SEP 27  Andrew Gooch, ISPS Postdoctoral Associate & Lecturer in Political Science, Yale University
“Ripping Yarn: Experiments on Storytelling by Partisan Elites”

OCT 4  John Dearborn, Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, Yale University

OCT 11  Tom Clark, Professor of Political Science, Emory University
“Police Shootings and Trust in Government”

OCT 25  Patrick O’Brien, Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, Yale University
“Presidential Control and Public Finance”

NOV 1  John Henderson, Postdoctoral Associate, ISPS/CSAP, Yale University
“Ideology, Group Affinity and Electability: Assessing the Competing Preferences of Primary Election Voters”

NOV 8  Patrick Tucker, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Yale University
“Legislator Effort and Non-Policy Representation”

NOV 15  Charles R. Shipan, Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, University of Michigan
“The Power to Appoint: Presidential Nomination and Change on the Supreme Court”

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