American Politics Summer Conference
OMNI New Haven Hotel at Yale
June 19-20, 2008

Thursday, June 19:

12:00 p.m.  Luncheon Buffet, York Room, 2nd Floor of the OMNI Hotel

12:45 p.m.  Opening Remarks

1:00-2:00 p.m.  “Motivating Politicians: The Impacts of Monetary Incentives on Quality and Performance”
Frederico Finan, University of California, Los Angeles

2:00-2:15 p.m.  Break

2:15-3:15 p.m.  “Lobbying and Discretion”
Stuart Jordan, University of Rochester
(Co-authored with Adam Meirowitz, Princeton University)

3:15-3:30 p.m.  Break

3:30-4:30 p.m.  “Exploiting a Rare Shift in Communication Flows to Document Media Effects: the 1997 British Election”
Gabe Lenz, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

4:30-4:45 p.m.  Break

4:45-5:45 p.m.  “Partisanship, Reputational Cascades, and the Value of Oversight”
Justin Fox, Yale University
(Co-authored with Richard Van Weelden, Yale University)

5:45-6:30 p.m.  Break/Hotel check-in for guests arriving on Thursday

6:30 p.m.  Conference Dinner, The Union League Café, 1032 Chapel Street
(In the Sherman Room)
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Friday, June 20:

8:00 a.m.  Breakfast Buffet, York Room, 2nd Floor of the OMNI Hotel

8:45-9:45 a.m.  “The Jackie (and Jill) Robinson Effect: Congresswomen and the Distribution of Federal Spending”
Chris Berry, University of Chicago

9:45-10:00 a.m.  Break

10:00-11:00 a.m.  “Social Learning in Election”
Brian Knight, Brown University

11:00-11:15 a.m.  Break

11:15-12:15 p.m.  “Leadership, Followship, and Beliefs About the World: Theory and Experimentation”
Eric Dickson, New York University

12:15-12:30 p.m.  Closing Remarks

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2:00 p.m.  Adjournment