



Yale University

Institution for Social and Policy Studies

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*)
- “How Economic Opportunity Ameliorates Political Risk: The Case of Current Office Holders Considering Running for Higher Office”**  
Daniel Butler, *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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- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet, York Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Followership, and Beliefs About the World: Theory and Experimentation”**  
Eric Dickson, *New York University*
- 12:15-12:30 p.m. ***Closing Remarks***
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon Buffet, York Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the OMNI Hotel
- 2:00 p.m. ***Adjournment***