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The Virginia Social Science Association Mission:

Bringing together all groups related to the social science disciplines of Anthropology, Business, Criminal Justice, Economics, Geography, History, International Relations, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology

Those groups include faculty from K-12 as well as all institutions of higher education in Virginia, undergraduates, graduate students, and professionals who apply the social sciences.

We envision three main interrelated missions regarding teaching, research, and outreach:

- Promoting multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary work in the social sciences
- Offering all students opportunities for professional development in presenting their scholarship
- Bringing together teachers at all levels of education in Virginia

Saturday, March 25, 2017

REGISTRATION: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: VCU Student Commons second floor, Virginia Rooms A-D

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: 8:00 – 9:00 am

Location: VCU Student Commons second floor, Virginia Rooms A-D

Welcome and Plenary Session: 9:00-9:30 am

Location: ALC 1201

Moderator: VSSA Vice President, Zachary Wilhide

Speaker: Dr. Herbert Hirsh, Professor of Political Science at Virginia Commonwealth University

SESSION I: 9:30 – 11:00 am

Panel 1-1: Health and the Environment (Moderator: Jennifer Hall, Lynchburg College)

Location: ALC 1100

Homelessness and the Environment: A Double-Edged Sword

Margaret Redd, Lynchburg College

Psychological and Physical Health Risk: Impact of Income, Race, and Gender

Keith Kline, Virginia Military Institute

Sara Whipple, Virginia Military Institute

Autism Spectrum Disorder: Is Air Pollution a Factor?

Jacqueline Graham, Lynchburg College

Community Health Includes End-of-Life Decisions: Attitudes and Perceptions of End-of-Life Planning in a Rural Community

JoEllen Pederson, Longwood University

Co-constructed Narrative of Human Services Experiential Learning: An Autoethnography of Epiphanies

Sharon Foreman, Lynchburg College

Ebony Barnes, Lynchburg College

Angelica Santiago Gonzalez, Lynchburg College

Nyomi Tarpley, Lynchburg College

Brittany Wainscott, Lynchburg College

Panel 1-2: Foreign Affairs (Moderator: Chris Saladino, Virginia Commonwealth University)

Location: ALC 1102

Pre-Paradigmatic State: Tensions in the EU and the Incomplete Transition from a National Paradigm to a Supranational Paradigm. Examples of the Eurozone Crisis and the Migration Crisis

Aaron Stacey, Old Dominion University

Liberty or Death: The Haitian Criminal Justice System and its Legacy of Coups D'etat since 1804

Nadjhia Normil-Skakavac, Virginia State University

Roots and Future of Ukrainian Civil War

Artsiom Fedarchuk, Virginia Commonwealth University

Human Trafficking in Vietnam—How Can Vietnam Improve its Human Rights Record?

Theresa Dinh, Virginia Commonwealth University

Panel 1-3: Immigration (Moderator: Alexandra Reckendorf, Virginia Commonwealth University)

Location: ALC 1104

Sanctuary Cities: Why Richmond, Virginia Should Not be One

Charles Jackson, Virginia Commonwealth University

An Unexpected Entry Point: Central Virginia Emerging as Emigrant Gateway

Milton Vickerman, University of Virginia

Immigration: The Adjustment Process for Higher Learning in the U.S.

Yolanda Cobblah, Randolph College

The Positive Impact of Economic and Political Integration of Refugees

Dana Alrayess, George Mason University

Movement and 'Paralysis' among Nepali-Speaking Bhutanese Refugees

Christopher Loy, Christopher Newport University

Panel 1-4: Refugees, Identity, and the Journey of Resettlement (Moderator: Erika Frydenlun, Old Dominion University)

Location: ALC 1105

From Innocent Neighbor to Unknown Threat: The Media Evolution of Refugees
Etta Jones, Old Dominion University

The Heteronormative Impasse: Double Victimization and Invisibility of LGBTI Syrian Refugees
Andrew Garber, Old Dominion University

Refugee Dreams and Expectations: Resettlement of Refugees in Hampton Roads, Virginia
Bnar Mustafa, Old Dominion University

Panel 1-5: Film and Society (Moderator: Peter Wallenstein, Virginia Polytechnic Institution and State University)

Location: ALC 2100

The Power of Pop: Using Music Video to Address Violence Against Migrants and Other Displaced Persons
Jennifer Gauthier, Randolph College

The Fear is Corporeal: Modern Economic Anxieties and the *Paranormal Activity* Franchise
Zachary Wilhide, Old Dominion University

Through the Looking Glass: Contextualizing the Cultural Melting Pot of Urban Immigrant Life Depicted through the Cinematic Lenses of Spike Lee's *Do the Right Thing*
Melody Williams, Norfolk State University

SESSION II: 11:00 am – 11:35 am

Location: ALC 1201

2017 AWARDS RECIPIENTS PLENARY SESSION

“What I Do, and How I Got Where I am”

Moderator: VSSA President Beverly Colwell Adams, University of Virginia

VSSA Scholar Award Recipient

Introductory Remarks: JoEllen Pederson, Longwood University

Scholar Award in Anthropology: Dr. James Jordan, Longwood University

Ninth Annual John Ramsey Awards Luncheon: 11:45 pm – 1:00 pm

Location: VCU Student Commons second floor, Virginia Rooms A-D

Presiding Officer: VSSA President, Beverly Colwell Adams, University of Virginia

Presentation:

Zamora Distinguished Service Award

Peter Wallenstein Undergraduate Student Paper Award

Henry J. Abraham Graduate Student Paper Award

Election of VSSA Officers

Recognition of Life Members, Distinguished Current & Former Officers

SESSION III: 1:10 – 3:00 pm

Panel 3-1: African-Americans and Contemporary Politics (Moderator: Nadjhia Normil -Skakavac, Virginia State University)

Location: ALC 1100

Symbolic Ethnicity among African Americans

Thomas Brown, Virginia Wesleyan College

The Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment

Colleen Arthur, Virginia Commonwealth University

Forcible Immigration, Voluntary Migration: African Americans from 1619 to the Great Northern Migration

Breauna Kimbrough, Hampton University

Stephen Magu, Hampton University

Return to Non-Segregation (1950s): Berea, Maryville, and an End to State Laws Imposing Segregation

Peter Wallenstein, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Politics of Protest: State and Federal Response to Social and Political Movements' Redress of Grievances and Rights of Assembly

Taylor Brown, Hampton University

Panel 3-2: Gender Issues (Moderator: JoEllen Pederson, Longwood University)

Location: ALC 1102

Entrenched Patriarchy and Gender Bias: An Analysis of the 2016 Presidential Election

Mamie Locke, Norfolk State University

Women in the House: A Speech-As-Data Approach to Measuring and Testing Theories of Elite Behavior

Chad Murphy, University of Mary Washington

Why are Women Leaving Policing and Why Should We Care?

Penelope Doss, Randolph College

Scoring Below the Rim: Hegemonic Masculinity and Male Athlete Privilege in the College Hookup Culture

Danielle Currier, Randolph College

Women's Involvement in Peacemaking Processes in War Torn Countries: An Examination of Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Rwanda

Verline Mendez, Hampton University

Panel 3-3: Contemporary Political Thought and Ideology (Moderator: Sharon Foreman, Lynchburg College)

Location: ALC 1104

Why the Threat to Move to Canada: Philosophical Differences Between Canada and the United States

Pamela Gibson, Troy University

Time, it is a Changing: The Liberal-Conservative Continuum and the Political Order

Deirdre Condit, Virginia Commonwealth University

J. Clifford Fox, Virginia Commonwealth University

The Impact of Citizens' Ideological Incongruence on American Political Parties

Alexandra Reckendorf, Virginia Commonwealth University

Nicholas Smith, Virginia Commonwealth University

The Universality of Human Rights

Nicolette Edwards, East Carolina University

A City in Chaos: An Analysis of Thomas Hobbes' State of Nature as Applied to Violence in the City of Chicago

Kennedy Harris, Hampton University

Panel 3-4: Roundtable on Human Security (Moderator: Christopher Saladino, Virginia Commonwealth University)

Location: ALC 1105

Participants:

Madalyne Devlin, Virginia Commonwealth University
Jasmine Jaghab, Virginia Commonwealth University
Stephen Pyzowski, Virginia Commonwealth University
James Oliver, Virginia Commonwealth University
Reid Wolfe, Virginia Commonwealth University

Panel 3-5: The 2016 U.S. Presidential Election (Moderator: Zachary Wilhide, Old Dominion University)

Location: ALC 2100

Media Bias

Kali McGhee, Virginia Commonwealth University

The New Federalism and its Potential to Reign in an Activist Presidential Administration

John Aughenbaugh, Virginia Commonwealth University

Critical Theory, Fascism and the Trump Candidacy

James Curiel, Norfolk State University

Public Enemy? Biased Media Coverage during the 2016 Presidential Campaign

Tara Parsons, James Madison University
Nicole Foster-Shoaf, Missouri Southern State University

March to the Abyss: How Ignoring the Moral Foundations of American Led to the Democratic Party's Defeat in the 2016 Presidential Election

Brittan Robinson, Old Dominion University

SESSION IV: 3:10 – 5:00 pm

Panel 4-1: U.S. History (Moderator: Deborah Spencer, Emory and Henry College)

Location: ALC 1100

Liberty's War: Victim to the Act of Forgetting and Why Americans Still Ask: 'What Caused the Civil War?'

Dennis Baez, Old Dominion University

Congressional Committee Chairman from Virginia, 1951-2016

Philip Grant, Pace University

American Citizen Activism and Humanitarian Networking: A Historical Case Study

Andrew Falk, Christopher Newport University

A Study into Steuartian Influence on the Hamilton Plan for Public Credit

Adrienne Withrow, Old Dominion University

Loving v. Virginia on Its 50th Anniversary: The Sociology of Race in Rural Virginia, a Transformation in the Law of Race, and Four Depictions in Film

Peter Wallenstein, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Panel 4-2: America and the World (Moderator: Darrell Tyler, Longwood University)

Location: ALC 1102

The Relationship Between President Obama's Foreign Policy Decision Making, Public Opinion, and International Pressure: Guantanamo Bay, Intervention in Libya, and the Drone Program

Emily Harmon, Lynchburg College

Threats Associated with Terrorism

Nicole Edwards, East Carolina University

Where Else?

Matthew Kemper, Old Dominion University

The Evolution of National Security Decision Making Since the End of the Cold War: Has National Security Decision Making Adapted to Changes in the International System?

William Newmann, Virginia Commonwealth University

Panel 4-3: African Politics (Moderator: Beverly Adams, University of Virginia)

Location: ALC 1104

Has 'Multikulti' Failed? Immigrant Fidelity to Socio-Cultural Traditions in Foreign Lands

Stephen Magu, Hampton University

International Legal Recognition After Unilateral Secession: The Case of Somaliland

Trevor Davis, Virginia Commonwealth University

How the Tsetse Left Africa and Why the Rwandan Nightmare Put the World to Sleep

Savannah Jolley, Virginia Commonwealth University

A Qualitative Study of Pedestrian Violations of Road Safety Measures in Lagos State, Nigeria

Nana Derby, Virginia State University

Christiana Adetunde, Covenant University

Due Process, Separation of Powers, and Sentencing in Ghana: A Qualitative Analysis

Nana Derby, Virginia State University

Christiana Adetunde, Covenant University

Panel 4-4: Policy and Socialization (Moderator: Dierdre Condit, Virginia Commonwealth University)

Location: ALC 1105

Craft Economics: Explaining Policy Shifts to Support Beer, Booze, and Barbecue

Christopher Saladino, Virginia Commonwealth University

Mitchell Smiley, Virginia Commonwealth University

How Eulogies of School Shootings Have Changed Over Three Presidents

Anna Smith, Randolph College

Predictors of Public Policy Preferences Toward English Language Learners

Grant Rissler, Virginia Commonwealth University

Potential Impacts of Parental Perceptions of Children's Political Preferences on Attitudes Toward Compromise and Moderation

Alexandra Reckendorf, Virginia Commonwealth University

Madalyne Devlin, Virginia Commonwealth University

Colleges and Universities Represented at 2017 VSSA Conference

Christopher Newport University
Covenant University
East Carolina University
George Mason University
Hampton University
James Madison University
Longwood University
Lynchburg College
Missouri Southern State University
Norfolk State University
Old Dominion University
Pace University
Randolph College
Troy University
University of Mary Washington
University of Virginia
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech
Virginia State University
Virginia Wesleyan College