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Conference Program

8:30-9:30am	PPSA Executive Council Meeting	
9:30-9:50am	General Council Meeting <i>All members of the PPSA are welcome to attend</i>	
Concurrent Panels: Session One		
10:00-11:15am	<p>Panel A: Undergraduate Research: New Directions in Gender & Politics</p> <p><i>The Representation of Soviet and Post-Soviet Women: A Study of Stereotypes and Gender Roles</i> Sophie Sarnitsky, Muhlenberg College ssarnitsky@muhlenberg.edu</p> <p><i>Republican and Democratic Women: Do They Campaign Differently in Regard to their Gender?</i> Sophie Ackert, Dickinson College ackerts@dickinson.edu</p> <p><i>First Ladies, First Gentlemen, and First Partners in the States: How Spouses of Different Genders, Ages, and Regions Inhabit Their Roles</i> Cara Dougherty, Dickinson College dougherc@dickinson.edu</p> <p>Chair/Discussant: Lanethea Mathews-Schultz, Muhlenberg College mathews@muhlenberg.edu</p>	
	<p>Panel B: WORKSHOP:</p> <p><i>Teaching about Race, Public Policy, and Responsibility for Racial Justice</i></p> <p>Workshop facilitator: Cheryl Kerchis, Slippery Rock University cheryl.kerchis@sru.edu</p>	
	<p>Panel C: New Directions in International Relations and Comparative Politics</p> <p><i>Building Communities and the Right to Roam: From Transportation Corridors to Walking Trails in the Mid-Atlantic</i> Mark Sachleben, Shippensburg University mdsachleben@ship.edu</p> <p><i>Does the Right-Wing Live in Fear? The Effect of Reciprocated Cooperation between International Rivals on the Public's Threat Perceptions</i> Jungmin Han, University of Pittsburgh juh85@pitt.edu</p> <p><i>Diversionary Theory of War-on-Terror: Evidence from Turkey</i> Huseyin Zengin, University of Pittsburgh huseyin.zengin@pitt.edu</p> <p>Chair/Discussant: Nicholas Spina, Slippery Rock University nicholas.spina@sru.edu</p>	

11:30-
12:30pm

Undergraduate Poster Session

Pitfalls and Progress: A Descriptive and Prescriptive Analysis Romanian Rule of Law and European Union Policy

Raymond Horchos, DeSales University rhorchos@gmail.com

Closing Pandora's Box: Confronting the Role of Populism on Liberal Democratic Backsliding

Carolyn Lloyd, Mercyhurst University clloyd20@lakers.mercyhurst.edu

Seeking Naturalization: Why Some Immigrants Choose to Seek It While Others Do Not?

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Renewable Energy Development Incentives

Evan Armstrong, Lycoming College arnevam@lycoming.edu

Blaming Uncle Sam: Are Government Student Aid Programs Contributing to Higher Tuition Rates?

Michaela Mertz, Widener University mqmertz@widener.edu

Unnecessarily Cruel: Death Penalty Sentencing and Mentally Ill Offenders

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Are China and U.S. headed to war?

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Should we expect more political violence in the United States?

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1:00-
2:15pm

Concurrent Panels: Session Two

Panel D: WORKSHOP:

Simulations & Active Learning During the COVID Pandemic

Workshop Facilitator:

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Panel E: Gender & Politics in the US

The Role of Zoom on Women in Leadership Positions in Male-Dominated Workplaces

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Gender Politics, the Courts, and the Draft

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Kendra Brooks: How Philadelphia's first third party at-large city council candidate in 100 years won election

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Chair/ Discussant:

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Panel F: Undergraduate Research: Public Opinion, Representation & Media in US Elections

An Evaluation of Polling Error in the 2016 and 2020 Presidential Elections

Duncan Spilsbury, Dickinson College spilsbud@dickinson.edu

Is Congress Descriptively Representative of American Society at Large?

Ragen Baldwin, Chestnut Hill College baldwinr@chc.edu

The Latinx Vote: The Cuban American Vote Explained

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To what extent can social media companies be regulated and under what conditions does classification of platform or publisher matter?

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Panel G: ROUNDTABLE

From the Trenches of the PASSHE NE Integration: Challenges and Opportunities

Participants:

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2:30-
3:45pm

Concurrent Panels: Session Three

Panel H: WORKSHOP

Debate Ex Nihilo: An Introduction to Intercollegiate Debate as a Co-curricular Activity

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Panel I: Undergraduate Research: Social Justice in the US

Environmental Racism by Design: A Critical Look at American Democracy

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COVID-19 in US Prisons

Dalit Kluger, Dickinson College klugerd@dickinson.edu

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Panel J: National and State Politics

Congressional Committee Chairmen from Pennsylvania, 1951—2020

Philip Grant, Pace University amdgrant@earthlink.net

Bureaucratic Hierarchies and Executive Control: Campaign Contributions, Government Contract Awards, and Agency Decision-making

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"It's Not in the Constitution"

David R. Contosta, Chestnut Hill College contostad@yahoo.com

Results from a Survey of PASSHE Students on the 2020 Election Survey

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Panel K: Undergraduate Research: International Organizations, Global Problems

Environmental Policy: A Review of Russian Action and Motivations

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The Age of Climate Change

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Is the UN an Effective Peacekeeper: A Comparative Analysis of Peacekeeping Missions in Rwanda and Liberia?

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Cyberwarfare: Unbound by International Law

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4:00-
5:15pm

All Conference Roundtable

The 2020 Elections & Their Consequences in PA and Beyond

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