

# 23rd Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, July 20-22, 2006



## PROGRAM

### THURSDAY:

**9:00-9:15** Welcome

**9:15-10:45** Henry Brady and Iris Hui (UC-Berkeley), "Is it Worth Going the Extra Mile to Improve Causal Inference?"

*Discussant:* Kosuke Imai (Princeton)

**11:00-12:30** Simon Jackman (Stanford), Neal Beck (NYU), and Howard Rosenthal (Princeton) "Presidential Approval: the case of George W. Bush."

*Discussant:* Gregory Wawro (Columbia)

**12:30-2:00** Box Lunch on the Lawn

**2:00-3:30**

- Session A: Kentaro Fukumoto (Gakushuin University), "Estimating Incumbency Advantage without the Simultaneity Bias: Strategic Incumbents, Challengers, and Contributors."

*Discussant:* Ken Shotts (Stanford)

- Session B: Kevin Quinn (Harvard), Burt Monroe (Penn State), Michael Colaresi (Michigan State), Michael Crespin (Georgia), Dragomir Radev (Michigan), "Legislative Rhetoric and Policy Agendas."

*Discussant:* Kristin Kanthak (Pittsburgh)

**3:45-5:30** Duncan Temple Lang (UC-Davis Statistics), "Some Thoughts on Computing Environments for Statistics: Past, Present and Future."

*Discussant:* Jas Sekhon (UC-Berkeley)

**5:30-5:45** Instructions for reception, dinner, buses, and other announcements

**6:15-** Dinner: BBQ Extravaganza from The Buckhorn (Winters) on the Recreation Pool Lodge.

### FRIDAY:

**8:00 - 9:15** *Workshop:* the State of Survey Research, Jon Krosnick (Stanford)

**9:30-11:00** Rob Franzese and Jude C. Hays (Michigan), "Spatial-Econometric Models for Political Science."

*Discussant:* Michael Peress (Carnegie-Mellon)

**11:15-12:45** Christopher Achen (Princeton), "Expressive Bayesian Voters and their Turnout Decisions."

*Discussant:* Melanie Springer (Washington University).

**12:45-1:45** Box Lunch on the Lawn

**1:45-3:15**

- Session A: Mark Pickup (Oxford), "A State-Space Bayesian Approach to Economic Popularity Functions."  
*Discussant:* Karen Long Jusko (Michigan)
- Session B: Kenneth William (Michigan State), Anna Bassi and Rebecca Morton (NYU), "Incentives, Complexity, and Motivations in Experiments."  
*Discussant:* Gabriel Lenz (MIT)

**3:30-5:00** Colin Cameron (UC-Davis Economics), "Some Recent Developments in Microeconometrics."  
*Discussant:* Jonathan Wand (Stanford)

**5:00-5:30** Business meeting: Society for Political Methodology

**5:30-7:00** Poster session and refreshments in the Alumni Center

**7:00-** Dinner: Morrison's California-Mexican Cuisine (Woodland) on the Alumni Center patio with UCD student jazz band

## **SATURDAY:**

**8:00-9:15** *Workshop:* Bayesian Time Series, Patrick Brandt (University of Texas at Dallas) and John Freeman (Minnesota)

**9:30-11:00** Curt Signorino and Taehee Whang (Rochester), "Knowing One's Future Preferences: A Correlated Agent Model with Bayesian Updating."  
*Discussant:* Sean Gailmard (Northwestern)

**11:15-12:45** Walter Mebane (Cornell), "Using Benford's Law and Randomization to Detect Election Fraud."  
*Discussant:* Micah Altman, Harvard

**12:45-1:45** Box Lunch on the Lawn

**1:45-3:15** Ying Lu (Harvard) and Xiaohui Wang (Virginia), "A Random Effect Bayesian Model for Estimating Complex Structure of Ideal Points."  
*Discussant:* Andrew Martin (Washington University)

**3:30-5:00** James Honaker (UCLA) and Gary King (Harvard), "What to do about Missing Values in Time-Series Cross-Section Data."  
*Discussant:* Adam Berinsky (MIT)

**6:00-** Wine tasting followed by sit-down dinner in the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts catered by The Mustard Seed (Davis)