

**VIRGINIA SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION**  
**81<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference**  
**April 5, 2008**  
**Virginia Military Institute**

**REGISTRATION 8:30-3:30**

**SESSION I: 9:30-10:45**

**Panel I-1: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**Moderator:** James Hentz (Virginia Military Institute)

**Presenters:**

Davis Brown (University of Virginia)

“Ideologies and Propensities of States to Use Force”

Justin Simeone (University of Mary Washington)

“Human Rights and Hegemony: The Theoretical Limitations of Robert Keohane’s Neoliberal Institutionalism”

Ivanka S. Barzashka (Roanoke College)

“Towards a New Security Concept: Bulgarian National Security in the Context of the European Union and NATO”

**PANEL I-2: PSYCHOLOGY**

**Moderator:** James Gire (Virginia Military Institute)

Kimberly Kinsler (Hunter College)

**Presenters:**

Amanda F. Moore (Virginia Military Institute)

“The Relationship between Ideal and Perceived Body Image and Gender”

Jonathan S. Tishman (Virginia Military Institute)

“Religious Attitudes: A Study of Commissioning Versus Non-Commissioning Cadets”

Andrew P. Calvo (Virginia Military Institute)

“The Effects of Violent Video Games on Heart Rate”

Bryan E. Curry, Jr. (Virginia Military Institute)

“Are Weightlifters More Aggressive Than Non-Weightlifters?”

J. Kyle Burchett (Virginia Military Institute)

“Power Differences in Personality Structure: A Comparison of Ranking and Non-Ranking Cadets”

Panel I-3: **VIRGINIA HISTORY**

**Moderator:** Paul Lee (Virginia Tech)

**Presenters:**

Judge Earl Glock (College of William and Mary)

“‘A Sense of Intimacy with the City’: Streetcars and the Escape from Richmond”

Marc Thomas (Virginia Tech)

“Caroline County and Eminent Domain: The Beginnings of Fort A. P. Hill”

Molly Mawyer (Virginia Tech)

“Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind: Not Just an Institution”

Charlotte Arbogast (Lynchburg College)

“Virginia Federation of Women’s Clubs: A Case Study of Dewey Grantham’s Thesis of Southern Club Women”

Panel I-4: **COMPARATIVE-HISTORICAL STUDIES OF REVOLUTIONS AND REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS**

**Moderator:** Jonathan Eastwood (Washington and Lee University)

**Presenters:**

Chun-Yi Sum (Washington and Lee University)

“The 1911 ‘Revolution’ and the Rise of Modern Chinese Nationalism”

George Hunter (Washington and Lee University)

“The Chinese Communist Revolution: The Case for a Non-Marxist Interpretation”

Erica Carson (Washington and Lee University)

“The Iranian Revolution of 1979”

Christopher Rucker (Washington and Lee University)

“Revolutionary Black Nationalism within the Ideology of the Nation of Islam”

Panel I-5: **DEVELOPMENT AND HIV/AIDS IN AFRICA**

**Moderator:** Dennis Abry (Blue Ridge Community College)

**Presenters:**

Zaccheus Ogunnike (Virginia State University)

“Class and Power in Rural Development Issues in Contemporary Nigeria”

C. Nana Derby (Virginia State University)

“Role of Colonization in the Creation of the Woman as a Category in Africa”

Ben McVane (University of Virginia)

“Interpersonal Factors in Decision-making for HIV Vaccine Trial Participation”

Hillary Peabody (Randolph College)

“Drawing Correlations between the Prevalence of HIV/AIDS and Economic Opportunities for Women”

Panel I-6: **SOCIAL SCIENCE HISTORICAL RESEARCH**

**Moderator:** Kirt von Daacke (Lynchburg College)

**Presenters:**

Patricia Anne Masters (George Mason University)

“The Importance of Play for Communities and Individuals: A Case Study”

Emily P. Beeson (James Madison University)

“Successes of the 504 Demonstrations: Overcoming Disability as Definition in the Public Birth of the Disability Rights Movement, April 1977”

Ashley Lauren Moser (University of Mary Washington)

“A Painted Past: A Study of Painted Wall Signs and Their Documentation”

Stephen A. Schloss (Regent University)

“Personality Disorders and Sexual Deviance: Understanding Two Variables in Violent Criminal Behavior”

**SESSION II: 11:00-12:15**

**2008 AWARDS RECIPIENTS' PLENARY SESSION:**

Scholar Award in Political Science (joint awardees): Karen M. Hult and Charles E. Walcott, Virginia Tech

Scholar Award in History: Melvin Patrick Ely, College of William and Mary

Scholar Award in Geography: Joseph L. Scarpaci, Virginia Tech

Distinguished Service Award: Betty Kilby Fisher

Distinguished Service Award: Bernard S. Cohen

**THE FOURTH ANNUAL JOHN RAMSEY AWARDS  
LUNCHEON 12:30-1:45**

## **SESSION III: 2:00-3:15**

### Panel III-1: **DEMOCRACY AND ELECTIONS**

**Moderators:** Barbara Palmer (American University)  
Tom Poulin (Old Dominion University)

**Presenters:**

Nina S. Barzachka (University of Virginia)

“Explaining Electoral System Change: The Adoption of Proportional Representation in Belgium and Its Rejection in Great Britain”

Vincent Wei-cheng Wang (University of Richmond)

“The Impact of Taiwan’s 2008 Elections on Cross-Strait Relations: A Game-Theoretical Analysis”

Roman Cech (Longwood University)

“Welfare Effects of Voting and Abstention with Risk Averse Voters”

Xiao Wang (University of Virginia)

“Can Democracies Survive in Undemocratic Situations? A Case Study of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region”

### Panel III-2: **ECONOMICS**

**Moderator:** Christopher Otrok (University of Virginia)

**Presenters:**

Kamila Vetechova (Georgetown University)

“Fertility Choice in a Lifecycle Model with Idiosyncratic Uninsurable Earnings Risk”

Giandomenico Sarolli (University of Virginia)

“Countercyclical Asset Trading Puzzle”

James T. Bang (Virginia Military Institute) and

Aniruddha Mitra (University of Illinois)

“A Model of Immigrant Self-Selection”

### Panel III-3: **US HISTORY**

**Moderator:** Rose Mary Sheldon (Virginia Military Institute)

**Presenters:**

Frank Garmon (Christopher Newport University)

“Capture Theory’s Applications in Antebellum America”

Emily P. Beeson (James Madison University)

“To Take the Calculated Risk: Overcoming Disability as Definition in the Independent Living Movement, 1962–1977”

Paul Lee (Virginia Tech)

“Anglo-American Response to the Quartering Acts of 1765 and 1774”

#### Panel III-4: **SLAVERY AND INTEGRATION**

**Moderators:** Judge Earl Glock (College of William and Mary)  
Ruth Rose (Hunter College)

**Presenters:**

John Marks (Lynchburg College)

“Free But Not Free: Slave Hiring in Lynchburg’s Antebellum Tobacco Manufacturing Industry”

John Cassara (Virginia Tech)

“Integration of College Football”

Sharon Hicks (Roanoke City Public Schools, William Ruffner Middle School)

“The Integration of Roanoke City Schools”

Peter Jones (College of William and Mary)

“Integrating the Star City of the South: Roanoke School Desegregation and the Renewal of a Community”

#### PANEL III-5: **INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS, LEADERSHIP AND EVOLUTION**

**Moderators:** Robert Perkins (Norfolk State University)  
Dennis Abry (Blue Ridge Community College)

**Presenters:**

Mayes D. Mathews (Saint Leo University) and

Shannon Jackson (Saint Leo University)

“Considering Negative Synergy as a Detriment to Interpersonal Interaction”

Kelly Will (Washington and Lee University)

“The Family and Flow”

Joanna Felts Bickham (James Madison University)

“The Whites of Their Eyes: The Evolution of the Distinctive Sclera in Humans”

Thomas Meriwether (Virginia Military Institute)

“Readiness for the Leadership Role: Its Relation to Self-Esteem, Assertiveness, and the Big Five Personality Factors”

#### Panel III-6: **GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROSPECTS, DEMOCRACY TRENDS, AND THE FUTURE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY**

**Moderator:** Murel Jones (Virginia State University)

**Presenters:**

Ambassador Ceslav Ciobanu (Virginia State University)

"Diplomacy and Democracy: The Art of Possibility in the Time of Transformation"

Shahid M. Shahidullah (Virginia State University)

“Democracy and the Globalization of the American Experiment: The Future of U.S. Foreign Policy in the Context of the ‘Civilizational Class’ and the Failed State Theories”

N. Scott Cole (Longwood University)

“Challenging Hugo Chavez: President Bush’s Interest Group Alliances and U.S. Democracy Promotion in Venezuela”

Marek Payerhin (Lynchburg College)

“Explaining a Failure: Environmental Protest and Transitions in Poland”

## **SESSION IV: 3:30-4:45**

### **Panel IV-1: WOMEN IN POLITICS AND HISTORY**

**Moderator:** Beverly Adams (University of Virginia)

**Presenters:**

Laura van Assendelft (Mary Baldwin College) and  
Cytha Stottlemeyer (Mary Baldwin College)

“Women in Local Politics: A Case Study of Southwest Virginia”

Barbara Palmer (American University)

“Women, Third Parties, and Congressional Elections, 1916–2006”

Janiece Blackmon (Virginia Tech)

“If We Were Made in His Image Then Call Us by Our Name: Africana  
Womanism in Afrocentric Splinter Groups”

### **Panel IV-2: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Moderator:** Karen Gutermuth (Virginia Military Institute)

James T. Bang (Virginia Military Institute)

**Presenters:**

Alex Bojarska (Randolph College) and  
Leigh Gardner (Randolph College)

“The War on Drugs and its Influence on Colombia’s Economy and Education  
Funding”

Tom Brower (Washington and Lee University)

“State Capacity Formation as Functions of Economic Crisis and International  
Actors: Ghana, 1981–1992”

Pragya Shrestha (Randolph College)

“Unequal Access to Education: Addressing the Problems of Disparity in India and  
Nepal”

Kimberly Shrader (Sweet Briar College)

“Righting the Wrongs: The Roots of Underdevelopment in Modern Africa”

### **Panel IV-3: SECRETS, SPIES AND SURPRISE**

**Moderators:** Don Zeigler (Old Dominion University)

Tom Poulin (Old Dominion University)

**Presenters:**

Rose Mary Sheldon (Virginia Military Institute)

“Ambush and Surprise in Ancient Greek Warfare”

Evgenia Filimyanova (Randolph College)

“Polonium, Spies, and Media: American, British, and Russian News Coverage of  
Alexander Litvinenko's Murder”

Kate Shellnutt (Washington and Lee University)

“PostSecret as an Online Confessional”

Heather Dunn (University of Mary Washington)

“Heroines, Not Harlots: Eighteenth Century Women Soldiers’ Journey to Glory  
and Fame”

Panel IV-4: **ISSUES IN SOCIOLOGY**

**Moderator:** C. Nana Derby (Virginia State University)

**Presenters:**

Judy Caron Sheppard (Norfolk State University) and  
William K. Agyei (Norfolk State University)

“Factors Related to Educational Performance”

Robert Perkins (Norfolk State University)

“A Look at Social Capital”

Tiffanye Sledge (Thomas Nelson Community College)

“I Can Do Bad -- or Good -- by Myself: Mating Patters and Perception of  
Marriage among Single Low-income African American Mothers”

Nathaniel Watkins (Norfolk State University) and

Judi Caron Sheppard (Norfolk State University)

“Credit Card Use Among African American Undergraduates”

Panel IV-5: **APPROACHES TO MENTORING UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH**

**Chair:** Mary Stegmaier (University of Virginia)

**Roundtable Participants:**

Mary Stegmaier (University of Virginia)

Kirt von Daacke (Lynchburg College)

Jennifer Abbassi (Randolph College)

Ranjit Singh (University of Mary Washington)

Panel IV-6: **FOREIGN POLICY TOOLS AND CHALLENGES**

**Moderator:** Marek Payerhin (Lynchburg College)

**Presenters:**

Niki Ozment (Lynchburg College)

“Terrorism: Logical or Psychological?”

Jacob Gotimer (Lynchburg College)

“The Impact of Conscription on States’ Military Involvement Abroad”

Stephanie Rooney (Lynchburg College)

“Turkey’s Kurdish Dilemma”

Jordan Taylor (Lynchburg College)

“PBSUCCESS: The CIA and the Overthrow of the Arbenz Government in  
Guatemala”