



Thursday, March 27

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Keynote Speaker Address (Thurgood Marshall Hall 3301)
Michael Thorning, Bipartisan Policy Center

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Presenter Dinner at The Hotel UMD

Friday, March 28

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Check-in Begins
Coffee and Breakfast/Meet and Greet
(Thurgood Marshall Hall 3301)

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Kick-Off Discussion
Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz

9:05 AM - 10:35 AM

Panel 1: Causes of Polarization and Ways to Reduce It (Thurgood Marshall Hall 0102)

Discussant: Josh Dyck (UMass Lowell)

- Volatility and Populist Extremism in County Republican Parties
 - *Presenter* - Seth Masket (Vanderbilt)
 - Building Bridges Amidst Divides: Evaluating the Washington Collaborative Elected Leaders Institute (WA-CELI) as a Model for Reducing Political Polarization
 - *Presenter* - Julia Carboni (Washington State)
 - Bringing the Middle Back In: Election Timing and Local Political Polarization
 - *Presenter* - Agustin Markarian (Loyola)
 - *Other Authors* - Zoltan Hajnal (UC San Diego)
 - 'They Aren't So Bad': Cross-Party Candidate Praise and Affective Polarization Under Ranked Choice Voting
 - *Presenter* - Matt Lamb (Texas Tech)
 - *Other Authors* - Joseph Coll (Texas Tech)
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10:35 AM - 10:50 AM

Break (Refreshments available in Atrium)

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10:55 AM - 12:25 PM

Panel 2: Implementation and Policy Outputs (TMH 0102)

Discussant: Jason Windett (UNC)

- Navigating Political Polarization in Refugee Resettlement Policy: Implications for Nonprofit Capacity and Civil Society
 - *Presenter* - Ming Xie (UMBC)
 - *Other Authors* - Umesh Sharma (UMBC)
- Party Polarization and Amending Processes in the US House, 2007 - 2024: The Case of the National Defense Authorization Act
 - *Presenter* - Tim Nokken (Texas Tech)
 - *Other Authors* - Chris Den Hartog (Cal Poly)
- Congressional Oversight, Overlooked or Just Over? The House Appropriations Committee Surveys & Investigations Staff and the Arc of Congressional Competence
 - *Presenter* - Matthew Dull (Virginia Tech)
- 'Who Wins and Who Loses when Polarized Parties Negotiate?'
 - *Presenter* - Elizabeth Rigby (GWU)
 - *Other Authors* - Jared Rose (GWU)

12:25 PM - 1:25 PM

Lunch (TMH 3301)

1:30 PM - 2:45 PM

Panel 3: Polarization and Public Governance (TMH 0102)

Discussant: Joannie Tremblay-Boire (UMD)

- Polarization, Inequality and Policy Effectiveness in the US States
 - *Presenter* - Laura Antkowiak (UMBC)
 - *Other Authors* - Martin Kobren (UMBC)
- Public Attitudes Toward Merit-Based Protections: Is there Public Support for Schedule F?
 - *Presenter* - Jaclyn Piatak (UNC)
 - *Other Authors* - Colt Jensen (Georgia Southern University)
- Polarization's Impact on Government-Nonprofit Dynamics
 - *Presenter* - Samantha Zuhlke (Iowa)

2:45 PM - 3:00 PM

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3:05 PM - 4:35 PM

Panel 4: Polarization: It Just Keeps Getting Worse (TMH 0102)

Discussant: Seth Masket (Vanderbilt)

- Partisan Segregation in the U.S. Workplace is Large and Rising
 - *Presenter* - Reuben Hurst (UMD)
 - *Other Authors* - Justin Frake (Michigan) and Max Kagan (UC Berkeley)
- Impeachment, Polarization and Norms
 - *Presenter* - Julia Azari (Marquette)
- Confidence in Elections Among US Local Officials in a Period of Polarization: Effects of Social Trust, Partisanship and Political Ambition
 - *Presenter* - Eric Plutzer (Penn State)
 - *Other Authors* - Gary Adler (Penn State), Rebecca Sager (Loyola Marymount), Jonathan S. Coley (Oklahoma State), and Damon Mayrl (Colby College)
- The Influence of Partisanship and Institutional Design on Polarization on State Courts of Last Resort
 - *Presenter* - Jason H. Windett (UNC)
 - *Other Authors* - Marcy Shieh (Miami of Ohio), Jeff Harden (Notre Dame), and Morgan Hazelton (Saint Louis)

4:35 PM - 4:50 PM

Concluding Discussion (TMH 0102)

Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz

5:00 PM

End of Conference

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