

Illinois Political Science Association  
Annual Conference



Saturday, November 11, 2023  
Elmhurst University  
Elmhurst, IL

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Presidential Welcome
9:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.	Session 1
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Session 2
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch and Speaker
1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Session 3
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	IPSA Board Meeting and Elections

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### Session 1 – 9:20am to 10:45am

Panel #	Room	Title	Moderator
1	Old Main 101	State & Local Politics I	Connie Mixon, EU
2	Old Main 102	International Relations I	Patrick Homan, DU
3	Old Main 105	American Politics I	Casey LaFrance, WIU

### Session 2 – 10:45am to 12:00pm

Panel #	Room	Title	Moderator
1	Old Main 105	International Relations II	David Goldberg, COD
2	Old Main 102	American Politics II	David Dolence, DU
3	Old Main 101	State & Local Politics II	Melissa Mouritsen, COD

### Session 3 – 1:30pm to 2:45pm

Panel #	Room	Title	Moderator
1	Old Main 107	Comparative Politics I	Patrick Homan, DU
2	Old Main 101	International Relations III	Ribhi Salhi, Oakton
3	Old Main 307	Chicago Politics Roundtable	Dick Simpson, UIC

## DETAILED PROGRAM

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**8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

**Registration and Breakfast**

**Welcome Desk is at: Frick Center, Founders Lounge**

Faculty \$50.00

Students & Retired \$25.00

Guests \$30.00

Pay online or please make your check payable to:

IPSA

Department of Political Science, College of DuPage,

425 Fawell Boulevard, Glen Ellyn, IL 60402

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**9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**

**Presidential Welcome**

Patrick Homan, Dominican University

**Room: Frick Center, Founders Lounge**

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**Session 1: 9:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.**

**Panels**

Panel 1: State & Local Politics I

Room: Old Main 101

Moderator: Connie Mixon, Elmhurst University [mixonc@elmhurst.edu](mailto:mixonc@elmhurst.edu)

Zarielle Lomigkit, College of Lake County

“Digital Communications”

Alejandra Galvan and Sinha Janjua, Elmhurst University

“Quilting as a Means of Fostering Political Communication”

Michael Bukowski, College of Lake County

“The AR-15 Must Remain Legal”

Panel 2: International Relations I

Room: Old Main 102

Moderator: Patrick Homan, Dominican University [phoman@dom.edu](mailto:phoman@dom.edu)

Sebastian Otero, Elmhurst University

“Critique of Henry Kissinger”

Ribhi Salhi, Oakton Community College

“Taliban: the Rise, the Fall, the Return, and US Security Strategy”

Matthew Nigro, Elmhurst University

“The 2003 Iraq War”

Panel 3: American Politics IRoom: Old Main 105Moderator: Casey LaFrance, Western Illinois University ([tc-lafrance@wiu.edu](mailto:tc-lafrance@wiu.edu))

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“Fit and Frustration: Either/Or Thinking in Public Administration and Gender Norms”

Shaelyn Hanley, College of DuPage

“Reproductive Rights in the Post-Roe Era: A Case Study of Illinois and Texas”

Calvin Green, Elmhurst University

“Stolen Ballot: The White Primary in Texas and the South, 1896-1965”

***Session 2: 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*****Panels**Panel 1: International Relations IIRoom: Old Main 105Moderator: David Goldberg, College of DuPage ([goldberg@cod.edu](mailto:goldberg@cod.edu))

Matt Pietrzkiwicz, College of Lake County

“The Modern History of Malucca Strait”

Ribhi Salhi, Oakton Community College

“The Tsar Hegemonic Struggle: Putin's War in Ukraine”

Patrick Homan, Dominican University,

“Human Security and Climate Change in South Aisa - A Path to Peace?”

Bianca Leon, Dominican University

“Italian Democracy in Jeopardy? Giorgia Meloni and her relationship with neo-fascist organizations”

Panel 2: American Politics IIRoom: Old Main 102Moderator: David Dolence, Dominican University ([ddolence@dom.edu](mailto:ddolence@dom.edu))

Ismael Curiel, Elmhurst University

“Exploration of Moral Disgust Response to Social Concepts: Student Debt Forgiveness”

Mathiew Plumlee, Elmhurst University

“Discrimination Under the GI Bill”

Maryam Chida, Elmhurst University

“Enslaved Muslims in the United States”

Panel 3: State and Local Politics IIRoom: Old Main 101Moderator: Melissa Mouritsen, College of DuPage ([mouritsenm@cod.edu](mailto:mouritsenm@cod.edu))

Maria Ashton-Stebbing, Elgin Community College

“The Role of Librarians and Journalists in Assuring Information Literacy in an Era of Censorship”

Casey LaFrance, Uru Onyemaobi, and Piper Hill, Western Illinois University

“Ray’s Hour: Real-Time Data from a Student-Focused Civic Engagement &amp; Empowerment Workshop Series”

Victoria Love, College of Lake County

“Forensic Science”

***12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.*****Lunch and Speaker****Room: Frick Center, Alexander Room (North & South)**Speaker: Jim Nowlan, *Politics: The Starter Kit*

Jim Nowlan, a former state representative and senior fellow at the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, discusses his new book, “Politics: The Starter Kit,” a practical guide for students and newbies on how to succeed in government and politics.

***Session 3: 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.*****Panels**Panel 1: Comparative Politics IRoom: Old Main 107Moderator: Patrick Homan, Dominican University [phoman@dom.edu](mailto:phoman@dom.edu)

Carsten Beyer

“Public Opinion and Milex in the United States and Germany”

Robert Bivens, Northern Illinois University,

“Productive Shared Identity: The Case of Angola, Lusophony, and LGBTQIA+ Acceptance”

Janek Sunga, Northern Illinois University,

“The Barriers of Democratic Consolidation in Kenya”

Rothsethmony Seng, Northern Illinois University

“The Reasons for the Variation between the EU Versus the US Support Towards ASEAN in the past five years”

Panel 2: International Relations III

Room: Old Main 101

Moderator: Ribhi Salhi, Oakton Community College [rsalhi@oakton.edu](mailto:rsalhi@oakton.edu)

David Goldberg, College of DuPage

“Haiti and UN”

Joseph DeLuca, Elmhurst University

“United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”

Tom Duncanson

“Is There Hope for Virtual Diplomacy? The Case of the 2021 Meetings of the  
Subsidiary Bodies of the UNFCCC”

Roundtable: Chicago Politics

Room: Old Main 307

Participants:

- Dick Simpson, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Melissa Mouritsen, College of DuPage
- Connie Mixon, Elmhurst University

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***3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.***

**IPSA Elections and Board Meeting**

**Room: Frick Center, Blume Board Room**

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***4:00 p.m.***

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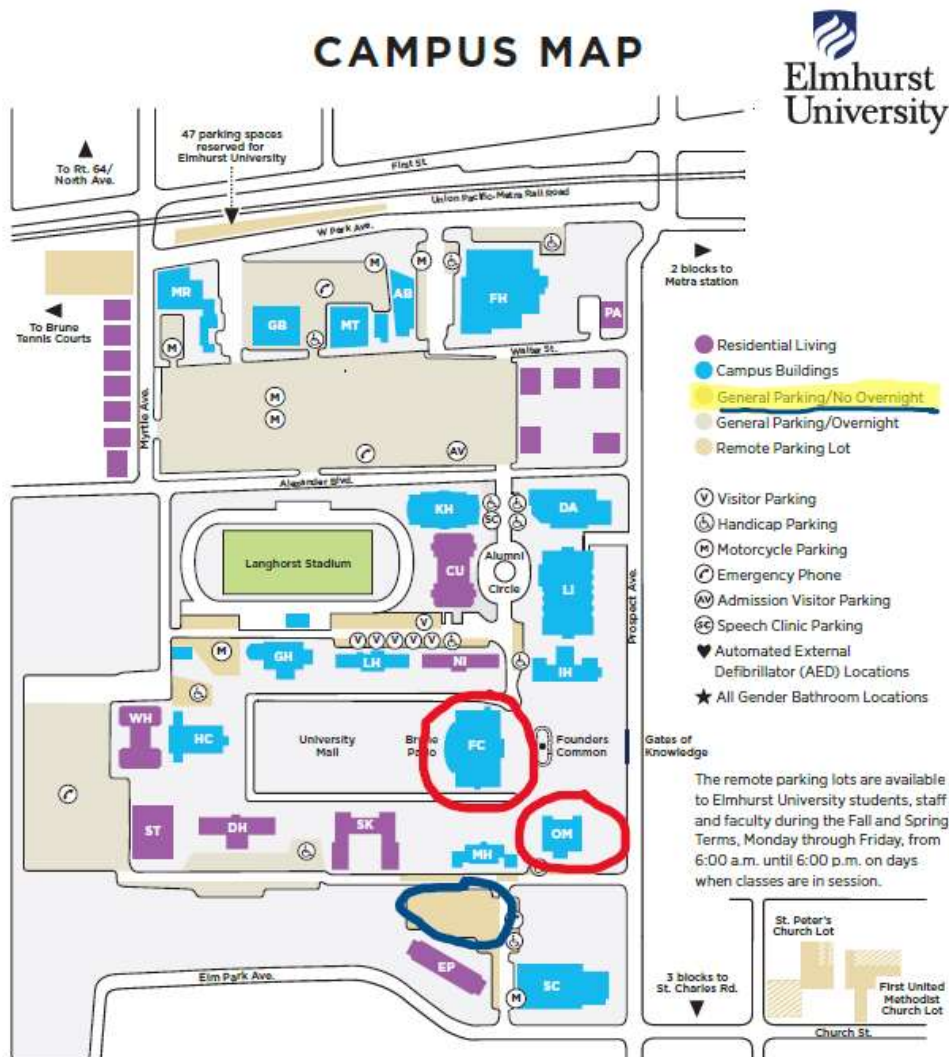
## DIRECTIONS & CAMPUS MAP

Directions to Elmhurst University

<https://www.elmhurst.edu/about/location/maps-directions/>

All IPSA activities will take place in the Frick Center and Old Main (both circled in red on the map below), located on the southeast side of the Elmhurst University campus.

The nearest parking is circled in blue on the map below:



AB	Accelerator ArtSpace ★	GH	Goebel Hall	MR	103 Myrtle
CU	Cureton Hall ★	HC	Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel ♥	MT	Mill Theatre ♥
DA	Daniels Hall	IH	Irion Hall	NI	Niebuhr Hall ♥
DH	Dinkmeyer Hall ★	KH	Jean Koplin Memorial Hall (Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic)	OM	Old Main ★
EP	Elm Park Apartments	LH	Lehmann Hall ♥	PA	Prospect Apartments
FC	Frick Center (Bookstore) ★ ♥	LI	A.C. Buehler Library ♥	SC	Schaible Science Center ♥
FH	R.A. Faganel Hall (Tyrrell Fitness Center) ★ ♥	MH	Memorial Hall	SK	Schick Hall ★
GB	Grounds Building			ST	Stanger Hall ★
				WH	West Hall ★

### **Moderators' Responsibilities**

- Welcome attendees and introduce paper presenters (typically by providing the name, affiliation and paper title)
- Keep track of presentation times and transitions by giving presenters gentle reminders: Each presenter should have 10-12 minutes of presentation. Power point presentation is welcomed but not required.
- The moderators should provide feedback on the presentation.
- Ensure that panels end on time!
- Report panelist absences to the IPSA Secretariat at the registration desk.