

Unilateral Politics Conference at the University of Houston

Schedule

Saturday, February 28

The conference will take place in the University Center. We will be in the Impact Room.

7:00 – 7:45 — Breakfast, UC Impact Room

7:45 – 8:00 — Introduction from Susan Scarrow, Department Chair
Welcome from Brandon Rottinghaus

8:00 – Panel 1: *Unilateral Power and Interbranch Relations*

Andrew Rudalevige (Bowdoin), “Executive Branch Management and Presidential Unilateralism: A Duration Model of Executive Order Issuance.”

Matthew Dickinson (Middlebury) and Jesse Gubb (Harvard), “Administrative or Legislative Presidency?: A Very Preliminary Assessment.”

Richard Waterman (Kentucky), “How Legislative (In)Activity Impacts Executive Unilateralism: A Supply-and-Demand Model.”

Discussant: Brandon Rottinghaus (Houston)

9:15 – Panel 2: *Legislative Roots and Executive Power*

Sharice Thrower (Pittsburgh), “Legislative Capacity and Executive Unilateralism.”

Michelle Belco (Houston), “Presidential Policymaking Between the Branches.”

Matthew Dickinson (Middlebury) and Jesse Gubb (Harvard), “Administrative or Legislative Presidency?: A Very Preliminary Assessment.”

Discussant: Terry Moe (Stanford)

10:30 – Panel 3: *The Administrative Presidency and Unilateral Power*

William Howell (Chicago), “Presidential Prescriptions for State Policymaking: Obama’s Race to the Top Initiative.”

Justin Vaughn (Boise State), “The Politics of Presidential Policy Czars.”

Ian Ostrander (Texas Tech), “Powering Down the Presidency: The Rise and Fall of Recess Appointments.”

Discussant: Kenneth Mayer (Wisconsin)

12:00 – 1:00 — Lunch, UC Impact Room

1:00 – Panel 4: *Unilateral Power, Policymaking and Public Opinion*
Jon Rogowski (Wash U), “Public Support for Unilateral Action.”

Adam Warber (Clemson), “Targeting the Public: Executive Orders and the Strategic Presidency.”

Discussant: Jeffrey Cohen (Fordham)

2:00 – Panel 5: *Is Obama a Dictator? Authority, Command and Executive Action*
Jeffrey Crouch (American), “Barack Obama and the Clemency Power.”

Benjamin Kleinerman (Michigan State), “Barack Obama: Becoming Commander-in-Chief.”

Louis Fisher (Scholar in Residence, The Constitution Project), “Presidential Inherent Power: Executive Initiatives and Congressional/Judicial Checks.”

Discussant: Jeremy Bailey (Houston)