

Seeing Beyond the Partisan Divide

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“Seeing Beyond the Partisan Divide” is a two day symposium and workshop gathering scholars and graduate students from different disciplines and institutions to push scholarly inquiry – and ultimately engaged citizens and media through a published volume – to explore political history and political institutions from angles that challenge or transcend our hyper-polarized understandings of American politics and democracy.

By crossing disciplinary boundaries and inviting historians who do not often think of themselves as especially political, “Seeing Beyond the Partisan Divide” strives to restore a richer political history. These discussions will highlight critical sites of political life that resist partisan framings. These include: commodities, consumption, and market relations; the shifting relationships between privacy, the rights of citizenship, and the interaction of the public and private spheres; the boundaries to public provision during both “liberal” and “conservative” eras; the relationship between localism, federalism and the nation; and the effects of global forces and American experiences abroad on domestic political developments.

Friday’s lunch panel on media, technology, and partisanship featuring *Slate.com*’s Jamelle Bouie will be open to the public. **For scholars and graduate students interested in attending one or more workshop sessions: please RSVP to Stefanie at sg9mj@virginia.edu to receive access to papers.** We ask that guests to our workshop panels come prepared to participate in a vigorous scholarly conversation.

Friday, October 2, 2015

9:00 AM

Welcome

9:15 – 10:45 AM

*The Boundaries of the Public and Private
Spheres*

- Comment **Michael Willrich**, Brandeis University
- Paper “*Social Insecurities: Private Information and Political Culture, 1935–1975*,” **Sarah Igo**, Vanderbilt University
- Paper “*Public Regulation through Private Litigation: The Mobilization of Private Legal Power by the American Bureaucracy*,” **Quinn Mulroy**, Northwestern University
- Paper “*The Atomic Cartel and the Economic Faust: David Lilienthal and the Inversion of Public Utility*,” **James Sparrow**, University of Chicago
- 10:45 – 11:00 AM** **Break**
- 11:00 – 12:30 PM** *Evolving Contexts of Markets, Money, and Commerce*
- Comment **Julia Ott**, The New School
- Paper “*The Divided Church of Evangelical Capitalism*,” **Darren Dochuk**, The University of Notre Dame
- Paper “*Changing the Conversation: How the Politics of Financial Reform Shaped Economic Orthodoxy*,” **David Freund**, University of Maryland
- Paper “*Subsidizing Production, Curtailing Consumption, Rethinking the State: Tobacco and Anti-Tobacco in the 1970s*,” **Sarah Milov**, University of Virginia
- 1:00 – 2:00 PM** *Lunch Panel: Media, Technology, and Partisanship*
- Jamelle Bouie**, *Slate.com*

Siva Vaidhyanathan, University of Virginia
Nicole Hemmer, Miller Center
In conversation with the Miller Center's **Brian Balogh**

2:15 – 3:45 PM

*American Politics in Transnational
Perspective*

Comment

Daniel Rodgers, Princeton University

Paper

“Beyond the Ability of Our Government to Solve’: Church-
State Cooperation in American Refugee Care,” **Melissa
Borja**, College of Staten Island

Paper

“In Pursuit of Hunger: U.S. Military Occupation in Korea
and the Strategic Burden of Liberal Individualism,”
Monica Kim, New York University

Paper

“The American Dream Comes Home,” **Amy Offner**,
University of Pennsylvania

Saturday, October 3, 2015

9:30 – 11:00 AM

Localism, Federalism, and the Nation

Comment

Matthew Lassiter, University of Michigan

Paper

“Investing in Localism, Profiting from Distress: How Wall
Street Fell in Love with Broke Cities and Delinquent
Taxpayers,” **Andrew Kahrl**, University of Virginia

Paper

“The Politics of Scale,” **Suleiman Osman**, George
Washington University

11:15 – 12:45 PM

Regimes of Difference

Comment

Thomas Sugrue, New York University

Paper *“The Group Problem in Recent United States History,”*
Merlin Chowkwanyun, Columbia University

Paper *“The Strange Career of Black Liberalism,”* **Nathan D. B. Connolly**, New York University

Paper *“Queering the Nanny State: Metaphors of APD and their Consequences,”* **Rachel Moran**, University of North Texas

1:00 – 2:00 PM **Wrap Up Lunch Conversation: *What Do We See When We See Beyond the Partisan Divide?***