

**2020 Iowa Caucus Conference, February 1-3, 2020**  
Department of Political Science, University of Iowa  
Schaeffer Hall (<http://maps.uiowa.edu/sh>)  
Caucuses Monday evening, February 3

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Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn, 328 S. Clinton St, Iowa City  
([https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/iowdogi-hilton-garden-inn-iowa-city-downtown-university/?SEO\\_id=GMB-GI-IOWDOGI](https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/iowdogi-hilton-garden-inn-iowa-city-downtown-university/?SEO_id=GMB-GI-IOWDOGI)). Breakfast at the hotel.

*Presentations will be held in Schaeffer Hall in  
room 302 (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor) or room 140 depending on size of audience*  
Please enter Schaeffer Hall from the north entrance which will be unlocked  
\*\*Paper presentations should be 18 minutes each or less

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**Saturday 2/1**

8:30 AM

*Opening Panel: Momentum, Early Voting States and US Presidential Primaries*

Todd Donovan (WWU, Bellingham) “Early Polls in Presidential Nomination Contests:  
Worth less, Except When Worth More”

Michael McDonald (University of Florida) “The Geography of Democratic Candidate  
Support in the Iowa Caucuses”

Hans Noel (Georgetown University) “The Evolving Invisible Primary”

Chris Wlezien (University of Texas, Austin) “Iowa and the National Democratic Race:  
What’s (Been) Going On?”

Moderator: Barbara Trish (Grinnell College)

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

10:30 AM

*Primary Divisions — Ideology, Policy and Race/Ethnicity*

Alan Abramowitz (Emory University) “Candidate Ideology and Electability in the 2020  
Presidential Election”

Matt Barreto (UCLA), Sergio Garcia-Rios (Cornell University) and Angela X. Ocampo  
(University of Michigan) “Disentangling policy preference and anti-Trump sentiment in  
2020 Latino Democratic primary vote”

Alex Theodoridis (University of California, Merced) “Primary Divisions: How Voters  
Evaluate Policy and Non-Policy Differences Between Co-party Politicians”

Moderator: Scott LaCombe (University of Iowa/Smith College)

**12:15-1:15 Lunch presentation**

David Redlawsk (University of Delaware) “Soaking and Poking in the 2020 Iowa Caucuses”

**PM**

Candidate events — multiple vans and drivers

**Sunday 2/2**

8:00 AM

*The New Normal? Money, Donations, Jobs and Turnout*

David Magelby (BYU) “Money in the 2020 Presidential Nomination Contest”

Silvia Kim (Caltech/American University) “Do Critical Campaign Events Influence Contributions?”

Lonna Atkeson (University of New Mexico) “Democratic Primary Voting in 2016: The Role of Manufacturing”

Chris Karpowitz (BYU) and Jeremy Pope (BYU) “Who Caucuses, Revisited: Public Expectations and Participation in the Nominating Process”

Moderator: Caroline Tolbert (University of Iowa)

9:45-10:00 Coffee Break

10:00 AM

*Who Likes Who and Why?*

David Peterson (Iowa State University) “The Dynamics of Iowa Democrats’ Preferences”

Michael Lewis-Beck (University of Iowa), John Kenny, Jac Lerner, Sofia Breitenstein Gomis, and Dieter Stiers “Candidate Authenticity in the Iowa Caucus”

Peter Hanson (Grinnell College) “The Dynamics of Support for Leading Democrats: Findings from the Grinnell College National Poll”

Moderator: John Kuk (Washington University, St Louis)

11:30-12:45

*Gender and Presidential Candidates*

Barbara Norrander (University of Arizona) “The Gender Gaps in Presidential Nominations”

Barry Burden (University of Wisconsin) “Ignorance is Bliss? Age, Misinformation, and Support for Women’s Representation”

Courtney Juelich (University of Iowa) and Joseph Coll (University of Iowa) “Candidate Bias based on age, gender and sexuality: A Survey experiment using vignettes.”

Moderator: Cynthia Terrell (RepresentWomen)

**12:45-1:45 PM Working lunch**

Seth Masket (University of Denver) “Picking a Lesson: Post-2016 Election Narratives and their Effect on 2020”

**PM**

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**Monday 2/3 Caucus Day**

8:45-10:15

*Roundtable — Something Old, Something New: What’s Happening in 2020?*

Lonna Atkeson (University of New Mexico)

Matt Barreto (UCLA)

Alan Gerber (Yale University)

Paul Gronke (Reed College)

Todd Donovan (WWU, Bellingham)

Johnathan Ladd (Georgetown University)

Moderator: Julie Pacheco (University of Iowa)

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-Noon

*The Past and the Future*

Steven Schier (Carleton College) “Present at the Beginning: Examining My Iowa Caucus Analysis Forty Years Later”

Bryce J. Dietrich (University of Iowa) “Assessing Attitude Strength Using the Audio from Open-Ended Questions From Telephone, In-Person, and Online Surveys”

Rob Richie (Fairvote) “Lessons from Building Ranked Choice Voting into the 2020 Presidential Nomination Contest”

Moderator: Barry Burden (University of Wisconsin)

Noon-12:30 pm Experiential Learning and Caucusing (*if their schedule permits*)

Phillip J. Ardoin (Appalachian State University)

Hans Noel (Georgetown University)

Jonathan Ladd (Georgetown University)

**12:30-1:30 PM Lecture with Lunch**

John Aldrich (Duke University), Jim Granato (University of Houston), Arvind Krishnamurthy (Duke University), and M.C. Sunny Wong (University of Houston) “Iowa? New Hampshire? Just being early? Theory and evidence from 40 years of presidential nomination campaigns”

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7 pm multiple caucuses — City High School, Iowa City. Arrive 6 pm

Iowa Conference Hosts

Caroline Tolbert

Liz Cecil

Kellen Gracey

Scott LaCombe

Joseph Coll

Courtney Juelich

Cassandra Tai