



SPRING 2022 PUBLIC POLICY CONFERENCE

Thursday, March 24, 2022 – Saturday, March 26, 2022

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CONFERENCE WELCOME

Hello, and welcome to the second annual Helms School of Government Public Policy Conference. We are grateful that you are joining us. This year, we will be discussing a variety of topics related to foreign and domestic policy as well as many theological and philosophical issues. We are examining the question of what it means to move forward as the COVID pandemic recedes and in light of both pressing domestic and foreign policy challenges, including the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Furthermore, we will explore the confrontations and threats to US national interests that are posed by a rising China.

In light of all of these pressing issues, we are pleased to announce several guest speakers. Virginia's new Governor Glenn Youngkin will be joining us on the Convocation stage on Friday, March 25. During the conference, we will also be joined by former Virginia Governor George Allen and former Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell, as well as Virginia's new Speaker of the House of Delegates Todd Gilbert and Virginia Senator Steve Newman.

In addition to our special guests, we will be hosting 14 separate moderated panels featuring over 70 different conference papers that will be presented by many Liberty students and faculty, among others. We also will be joined by two distinguished panels of scholars from the Heritage Foundation as well as a special moderated panel devoted to the Ukraine Crisis featuring distinguished Helms School faculty members.

As always, we put our hope in the Lord as we wrestle with these many issues, and we hope you are encouraged by the discussions we'll be having throughout this conference!



Dean Robert Hurt



Dr. Kahlib Fischer



Dr. Mary Prentice

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Thursday, March 24, 2022

- 12:30 PM – 12:45 PM..... **Welcome with Dean Hurt**
1:00 PM – 2:15 PM..... Break-Out Sessions
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4:00 PM – 5:30 PM..... **Legislator Panel**
Speaker Todd Gilbert, Virginia House of Delegates
Senator Steve Newman, Virginia Senate
Dean Robert Hurt, Moderator
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM **Welcome Reception**
Governor George Allen and Governor Bob McDonnell

Friday March 25, 2022

- 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM..... **Heritage Foundation Foreign Policy Panel**
Dr. Mary Prentice, Moderator
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM..... **Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin**
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THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022

GENERAL SCHEDULE

12:30 PM – 12:45 PM..... Conference Welcome in Montview Ballroom
Dean Robert Hurt

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Examining COVID-Pandemic Policies in DeMoss 1368

Dr. Kablib Fischer, Moderator

Issues of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity in DeMoss 1184

Dr. Becky Munson, Moderator

Biblical Perspectives on Government in DeMoss 4363

Dr. Mary Prentice, Moderator

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Moderator:	Dr. Kahlil Fischer
Assistant:	Paul Prentice
Presenter	Topic
Sarah McMillen	Understanding the Difference Between Refusal to Treat Based on Medical Conscience Versus Discrimination
Savannah Snyder	The OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard COVID-19 Vaccination Mandates: Ax or Vax
Audris Narbutas	Pandemic and Crisis of Trust in Media: Case of Lithuania
Daniel Hostetter	Immigration Policy and Covid-19
Issues of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity in DH 1184	
Moderator:	Dr. Becky Munson
Assistant:	Catherine Latchford
Presenter	Topic
Elizabeth Tonkin	On Protecting Internally Displaced Persons in Non-International Armed Conflicts, Specifically Regarding the Civilian Population of the Rohingya People of Burma
Ikenna Nwobu	Liberty and Justice for All: A Case Study of Lekki Tollgate Killings
Edna Udobong, PhD	Rwanda Genocide: Examining the Truth and Reconciliation Commission
Mike Consiglio	The Problem of Pacifism: How Pacifism Can Lead to Genocide
Nicole Wellington	The Modern Genocide in China
Biblical Perspectives in Government in DH 4363	
Moderator:	Dr. Mary Prentice
Assistant:	Todd Robatin
Presenter	Topic
Zane Richer	The Christian Theory of History in the Political Philosophy of Herman Dooyeweerd
John Kebles	Christianity and Locke: An Investigation of Resistance Theory
Drew Varner	Fellowship is Fundamental to a Flourishing Community
Analeise Wasenius	Biblical Basis of Civil Government
Jillian Fournier	Natural Law and the Founding of America

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Assistant:	Lia Cueto
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Nathaniel Tucker	Repairing a Fractured America
Joseph Beahm	Imagining an Independent Milk Pricing System
Romaine Miller and Johnny Davis, PhD	Government, Big Tech, and Individual Liberty
Gianna DePaul	Deterioration of the Tenth Amendment: Why Federalism's Hierarchy Must be Restored
Kaleb Horne	Administrative Rule and Constitutional Governance
Questions of Technology and Space Competition in DH 1184	
Moderator:	Dr. Timothy O'Brien
Assistant:	Jackson Clark
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Kaitlyn Early	The Age of Advanced Communication: Impacts of Superpower Disinformation on U.S. Public Diplomacy
Elizabeth Ayowole	How News Media Influences Foreign Policy Through Public Opinion
McKayla Swan	Stability and Sustainability in Outer Space
Nicole Wellington	Russian Disinformation: A Threat to Unity in America
Dominick Namias and Jacob Chace	U.S. Warfare Within the Fifth Domain: Detering Russian Cyber Aggression
Questions of Justice: Past and Present in DH 4363	
Moderator:	Professor Larry Presley
Assistant:	Catherine Latchford
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Nicholas Cole	Evaluating the New York State Bail Reform Act: What Impact Does It Have on Law Enforcement?
Morgan Whitmer	James Madison on the Limits of the Extended Sphere
Emily Huseman	How Eugenics Has Engulfed our Society and Violated Inalienable Rights
Daniel Harris	Critically Analyzing American Constitutionalism
Joran Ramsey	Minimum Sentences, Maximum Suffering: A Proposal to Reform Mandatory Minimum Sentencing

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Emma Miller	From Neglected to Nurtured: The Crisis of the Foster Care System and the Crucial Impact of Stability
Elizabeth Wilson	Victim to Abuser
Gracelyn Hedrick	Modern-Day Child Sacrifice
Gabrielle Tornow	Abortion and Sexual Exploitation: Abortion as a Tool of Traffickers and Abusers
Global Issues and Challenges in DH 1184	
Moderator:	Dr. Melissa Beaudoin
Assistant:	Karissa Arellanes
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Brandon Angel	Allow Them to Take the Reins: Why Central Asian States Need to Lead in Afghanistan
Hannah Crosby	Underestimation of Afghanistan's State of Affairs and Resulting Impacts on American Freedom
Robert Pope	Aftermath of Brexit: Brexit and Irish Reunification
Jamison Finnamore	Vietnam and Afghanistan: Intelligence and Ethical Failures that Doomed Two Wars
Victoria Matlock	A Case Study: Socialism in Venezuela
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Assistant:	Jacob Chace
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Daniel Partin	Compassion, Respect, and Governance: How Legislative Gender Quotas Influence Physical Integrity Rights
Johnny Davis, PhD	The Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Slavery
Alexander Averin	United We Rise
Bridget Gallagher	The Nature of Mimicry: An Evaluation of Political Party Conflict and Its Impact in the United States
Shoun Soi	Does Critical Race Theory Preserve the Constitutional Heritage?

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Tranard Harvin	HR Mechanisms for Mitigating Internal Disputes within Public Service and Non-Profit Organizations
Todd Robatin	How to Reform the Fair Labor Standards Act 14(c) Provisions for Persons with Disabilities
Jessica Cornell	Rehabilitation Over Incarceration: Adapting Mental Health Practices to Save America
Meredith Bernal	Improving the Mental Health Tale in the Criminal Justice System
Dena Wake	The Great Resignation and Its Impact on American Workplace Traditions and Overall Future
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Assistant:	Paul Prentice
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Deborah Adeniji	Upholding Human Rights in North Korea
Grant Fuller	United States of America as the Global Steward
Mantas Macikas	Bioethics and AI-driven Social Credit System in Contemporary China
Alex Mishra	Defend America: Space Warfare- Protecting U.S. Satellites as the Threat from China Increases
Rachel Solsman	China Containment: Preventative or Provocative?
Violence vs. Reform in DH 4363	
Moderator:	Professor Robert Cooper
Assistant:	TBD
<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Emma Penrod	The Morality of Enhanced Interrogation Techniques
Aimiee Lillie	Protecting Violent Free Speech and Combatting True Homicidal Threats in Cyberspace
Matthew McCracken	The Twilight of Liberty: Lessons for the United States from Rome's Dying Republic
Elizabeth Wilson	Accessibility of Bomb Ingredients
Dorien Porter	Judges 20:48

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Beth Wade	The Connecticut Four
Gregory McKenzie	Great Men are Almost Always Bad Men: The Cultural Revolution of the Techno-Totalitarians
Jacob Gordon	The Local Community Standard: Modernizing the Supreme Court's Obscenity Jurisprudence
Timothy O'Brien, PhD and Melissa Beaudoin, PhD	A Nation Divided: United States Immigration Policy and the Problem of Illegal Immigration
Foreign Policy Morality & Theory in DH 1184	
Moderator:	Dr. Mary Prentice
Assistant:	Grace Blackburn
Presenter	Topic
Audrey Sightler	How Reagan's National Security Decision Directives Can be Applied Today
Andy Langeland	Foreign Aid Efficacy
Marc Clauson	How to Decide Religious Liberty Cases: An Analysis of Balancing versus Principialism
Ryan Nolan	Religious Liberties in a Freedom a Religion Nation
Faith Chudkowski	<i>Jus Gentium</i> , Natural Law, and Grotius: International Law's Classical Heritage on Enforcement



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