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**Florida Political Science Association Annual Conference  
March 30, 2025**

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St. Petersburg, FL**

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*\*All sessions will be in Lynn Pippenger Hall (LPH).  
Lunch will be hosted in the University Student Center Ballrooms.*

### **Program Schedule**

Registration	8:00 AM to 8:30 AM
Session 1*	8:30 AM to 9:50 AM
Break	9:50 AM to 10:00 AM
Session 2*	10:00 AM to 11:20 AM
Lunch/Meeting	11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Break	1:00 PM to 1:10 PM
Session 3*	1:10 PM to 2:30 PM
Break	2:30 PM to 2:40 PM
Session 4*	2:40 PM to 4:00 PM

### **Reception**

The FPSA will host a reception following the conclusion of the conference at The Edge within Heller Hall from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

## Parking Information & Campus Maps

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### QR Code for Campus Map of University of South Florida St. Petersburg



- **Panel Sessions** in Lynn Pippinger Hall (**LPH** on Map).
- **Lunch/Business Meeting** in University Student Center Ballrooms (**USC** on Map).
- **Reception** held in The Edge in H. William Heller Hall (**HWH** on Map).

### **Parking Information:**

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## **SESSION 1: 8:30 AM to 9:50 AM**

### **Roundtable: *Teaching Political Science*, LPH 123**

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### **Comparative Politics: *Socio-Politics, Leadership, and 3 Asian Case Studies*, LPH 214**

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*Japanese Socio-Political Systems & Video Game Impact.*

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*Ibn Saud's Rise & the Founding of the Third Saudi Arabia*

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*Zhou Enlai: The Architect of Modern China's Foreign Policy*

Michael Thayer, University of Central Florida, [mi383412@ucf.edu](mailto:mi383412@ucf.edu)

### **International Relations: *The Role of China*, LPH 128**

**Chair and Discussant:** Marco Rimaneli, Saint Leo University, [marco.rimaneli@saintleo.edu](mailto:marco.rimaneli@saintleo.edu)

*Rival Powers: The US-China Contest and Its Effects on Chinese MNEs in Latin America*

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*The Quest for Cyber Hegemony: How China's Grand Strategy Converged with Its Cyber Posture*

Yoan G. Hermida, University of South Florida, [ygh@usf.edu](mailto:ygh@usf.edu)

### **Comparative Politics: *Comparative American Policies, Politics, & Technology*, LPH 222**

**Chair and Discussant:** Daniel Pedreira, Florida International University, [dpedreir@fiu.edu](mailto:dpedreir@fiu.edu)

*The American Tariff System: Past & Future*

Brandon Julian Lee, University of Central Florida, [br468081@ucf.edu](mailto:br468081@ucf.edu)

*"I, Citizen": A Historical & Comparative Examination of Citizenship*  
Evan Newland, University of Central Florida, [ev920553@ucf.edu](mailto:ev920553@ucf.edu)

**American National Politics: Voter Behavior and Political Trends,**  
LPH 215

**Chair:** Bethany Bowra, Florida Atlantic University, [bbowra2014@fau.edu](mailto:bbowra2014@fau.edu)

**Discussant:** Frank Orlando, Saint Leo University, [francis.orlando@saintleo.edu](mailto:francis.orlando@saintleo.edu)

*Political Polarization: Examining Voter Behavior on Abortion and Marijuana in Florida's 2024 Election*

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Selin Duzturk, University of Florida, [sduzturk@ufl.edu](mailto:sduzturk@ufl.edu)

*Reproducing Turnout? The effects of abortion rights ballot measures on turnout*

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*"Welcome to the Free State of Florida: In-Migration and the GOP's Ascendance"*

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**Comparative Politics: Politics, History, and Analysis,** LPH 229

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*Addressing Modern Slavery*

Victoria Stein, University of Central Florida, [vi609638@ucf.edu](mailto:vi609638@ucf.edu)

*Exit Strategy: How Methods of Gaining Independence from Colonial Powers Impact Development*

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### **State and Local Government: *Education Policy*, LPH 223**

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#### *Suppressing Racial Justice: The Florida S.T.O.P. WOKE Act*

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Aubrey Jewett, University of Central Florida, [aubrey.jewett@ucf.edu](mailto:aubrey.jewett@ucf.edu)

#### *Critical Examination of Florida's "War on Woke" in Public Education*

Joseph A. Steshyn, University of South Florida, [steshynj@outlook.com](mailto:steshynj@outlook.com)

#### *Implementing Free Associate Degrees: Cutting Debt and Expanding Opportunities*

Dejan Travis, Jacksonville University, [dtravis1@jacksonville.edu](mailto:dtravis1@jacksonville.edu)

### **Comparative Politics: *Latin America: Crisis & Opportunity*, LPH 214**

**Chair and Organizer:** Annabelle Conroy, University of Central Florida, [annabelle.conroy@ucf.edu](mailto:annabelle.conroy@ucf.edu)

#### *Tricolor Crisis*

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Jennifer Valenzuela, University of Central Florida, [je518030@ucf.edu](mailto:je518030@ucf.edu)

#### *Sex Work and Women: A Comparative Analysis Between the U.S. and Mexico*

Claudette Medina, University of Central Florida, [claudette.medina@ucf.edu](mailto:claudette.medina@ucf.edu)

#### *Oil and Power: The Evolution of Venezuela's Economic and Political Landscape*

Camila Gimenez Valero, University of Central Florida, [ca495017@ucf.edu](mailto:ca495017@ucf.edu)

#### *When the Leader Goes Rogue: Comparing Conservative Parties' Responses to Election Denial by their Respective Leaders in the U.S. and Brazil*

Brendan Kelly, University of Central Florida, [br309531@ucf.edu](mailto:br309531@ucf.edu)

### **Regional Security: *War, Media, and Power*, LPH 127**

**Chair and Discussant:** Marco Rimanelli, Saint Leo University, [marco.rimanelli@saintleo.edu](mailto:marco.rimanelli@saintleo.edu)

#### *The Quest for Cyber Hegemony: How China's Grand Strategy Converged with Its Cyber Posture*

Yoan G. Hermida, University of South Florida, [ygh@usf.edu](mailto:ygh@usf.edu)

#### *Power and Authority: A Social and Technological Analysis of U.S. and China Competition*

Glory Okereke, Florida International University, [goker003@fiu.edu](mailto:goker003@fiu.edu)

#### *Effects of the Paris Peace Conference on the Democratic Stability of Interwar Turkey, Austria and Hungary*

Balazs Barany, Florida Atlantic University, [bbarany2022@fau.edu](mailto:bbarany2022@fau.edu)



## **Comparative Politics: *Disputes, Politics, and Political Violence*, LPH 222**

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*Privatizing Military Businesses: Military's Economic Exit & Persistence under Democracies*

Prajakta Gupte, University of Florida, [prajakta.gupte@ufl.edu](mailto:prajakta.gupte@ufl.edu)

*Explaining Divergent Outcomes in African Territorial Disputes: A Comparative Study of Burkina-Faso-Niger & Nigeria-Cameroon*

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*Complexities of Pol Violence through the Cyber Domain*

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## **American National Politics: *Institutional Politics and Media Strategies*, LPH 215**

**Chair and Discussant:** Austin Trantham, Saint Leo University, [austin.trantham@saintleo.edu](mailto:austin.trantham@saintleo.edu)

*Executive Orders and the Rise of Personalist Politics*

Ernest Asamoah, Florida International University, [eam002@fiu.edu](mailto:eam002@fiu.edu)

*Congress Befriends the Supreme Court: Congressional Participation as Amicus Curiae during the Roberts Court*

Judithanne Scourfield McLaughlan, University of South Florida St. Petersburg, [jm2@usf.edu](mailto:jm2@usf.edu)

*Shaping the Narrative: Tone and Perception of Democratic Presidential Candidates in Local Media*

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## **International Relations: *Undergraduate Panel*, LPH 128**

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*The Issue of Expatriate Workers in Qatar: Balancing Economic Stability and Human Rights in Qatar*

Galila Ibrahim, University of Miami, [gmi15@miami.edu](mailto:gmi15@miami.edu)

*Women, Power, and Diplomacy: Gender Dynamics in International Relations*

Perla J. Pérez, Keiser University Flagship Campus, [p.perez15@student.keiseruniversity.edu](mailto:p.perez15@student.keiseruniversity.edu)

*Military Spending: A Correlation Between Russia, NATO, and Bordering Nations*

Erin Johnson, Saint Leo University, [erin.johnson@saintleo.edu](mailto:erin.johnson@saintleo.edu)

*Understanding Cultural Genocide in Current Political Contexts: Three Errors in Scholarship*

Hanna Kobs, Eckerd College, [hckobs@eckerd.edu](mailto:hckobs@eckerd.edu)

*Not My Problem: The Gap between NATO Cybersecurity Strategy and Member State Implementation*

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**Comparative Politics: *Culture, Politics, and Developing Muslim States*,  
LPH 229**

**Chair and Discussant:** Houman Sadri, University of Central Florida, [houman.sadri@ucf.edu](mailto:houman.sadri@ucf.edu)

*Women's Rights in Turkey: A Guide to Femicide*

Elif Alper, University of Central Florida, [el831117@ucf.edu](mailto:el831117@ucf.edu)

*Political Iconography of Atatürk: Shaping Turkish National Identity*

Veronika Khvan, UM, University of Miami, [vxk276@miami.edu](mailto:vxk276@miami.edu)

*Afghanistan: a state of gender apartheid*

Maya Marucci, University of Central Florida, [ma164961@ucf.edu](mailto:ma164961@ucf.edu)

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**Lunch and Business Meeting**

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Location: University Student Center Ballrooms

**FPSA Business Meeting**

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**Roundtable on Florida Politics: Trump, The Sunshine State, and Beyond**

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### **Roundtable: *Student Professional Development*, LPH 123**

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### **Comparative Politics: *Democracy, Politics, and Domestic System*, LPH 214**

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*Judicial Reforms & Democratic Backsliding: The Case of Bolivia's Constitutional Tribunal and Public Trust*

Francisco Jimenez, Florida International University, [fjime036@fiu.edu](mailto:fjime036@fiu.edu)

*Riot Traps in India: The Roles of State Capacity, Democracy, & Past Events*

Md Maniruzzman Mamun, University of Florida, [md.mamun@ufl.edu](mailto:md.mamun@ufl.edu)

*Attributes of Victory: Analyzing the Relationship Between Candidate Characteristics and Electoral Success in India*

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### **Political Theory: *The State, Society, and Conflict*, LPH 127**

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**Discussant:** Edward Duggan, Tallahassee State College, [edward.duggan@tsc.fl.edu](mailto:edward.duggan@tsc.fl.edu)

*MAGA in the Sunshine: The Unveiling of Oligarchy*

M. Zoe Fryer, Florida Gulf Coast University, [mfryer@fgcu.edu](mailto:mfryer@fgcu.edu)

*Soft Withdrawal: A Mechanism for Democratic Accountability and Revoking Consent*

Patrick Villalonga, St. Johns River State College, [patrickvillalonga@sjrstate.edu](mailto:patrickvillalonga@sjrstate.edu)

*The American Conquest of the State by the Nation*

Richard W Coughlin, Florida Gulf Coast University, [rcoughli@fgcu.edu](mailto:rcoughli@fgcu.edu)

*Complexities of Political Violence through the Cyber Domain*

Kassadi Smith, University of Central Florida, [kassadi.smith@ucf.edu](mailto:kassadi.smith@ucf.edu)

*Christianity in the Shadow of Therapeutic Culture: A Laschian Analysis of Culture.*

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**American National Politics: Undergraduate Panel I: Competitive Congressional Elections in the 2024 Election Cycle, LPH 215**

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*Crossroads of Change: The Competitive Race for Ohio's 13th District in 2024*

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*Another One Bites the Dust: The Race for Arizona's First Congressional District*

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Mary Kissane, Florida Southern College, [mkissane@mocs.flsouthern.edu](mailto:mkissane@mocs.flsouthern.edu)

*Who Will Prevail: The Fight for Washington's Third District*

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Olivia Mitchell, Florida Southern College, [omitchell@mocs.flsouthern.edu](mailto:omitchell@mocs.flsouthern.edu)

*Thriller Night: The Race for New York 17th Congressional District*

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**Comparative Politics: African Institutions, Politics, and Systems, LPH 222**

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*Intersectional Barriers to Electoral Success in African Legislatures: Insights from Nigeria*

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*Comparative Analysis of the Institutional Factors Accounting for the Success of Independent Candidates in Benin and Two- Parties in Ghana*

Ernest Asamoah, Florida International University, [eam002@fiu.edu](mailto:eam002@fiu.edu)

*Does State Power Determine Allegiance to National Identification? Ethnicity, National Identity & the State in Nigeria's Fourth Republic*

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**American National Politics: Social Influences and Political Identity, LPH 215**

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*House Party: Patterns of Intergenerational Party Transmission*

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*Hidden Figures, Instrumental Women: The Trump Administration's Conflicted Promotion of Women in STEM*

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*The Superimposition of Religion in Political Campaigns*

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*Political Efficacy and Affective Polarization in the U.S.*

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**Comparative Politics: European Politics: Past & Present, LPH 229**

**Chair and Discussant:** Danny Krikorian, University of Central Florida, [dannykrikorian@gmail.com](mailto:dannykrikorian@gmail.com)

*The Role & Significance of the European Union: From Past to Present*

Jordan Martchev, University of Central Florida, [JO300143@ucf.edu](mailto:JO300143@ucf.edu)

*Socioeconomic Drivers of Crime in France: Relationship Between Immigration, Poverty, & Criminality.*

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## **SESSION 4: 2:40 PM to 4:00 PM**

**Regional Security: Diplomacy, Democracy, and Global Competition, LPH 127**

**Chair and Discussant:** Marco Rimanelli, Saint Leo University, [marco.rimanelli@saintleo.edu](mailto:marco.rimanelli@saintleo.edu)

*Russia vs. Ukraine: U.S./NATO/E.U./Western Support of Ukraine in Two Russo-Ukrainian Wars (2013-21 & 2022-25) vs. Russia-China-Iran-N. Korea Anti-West 'Axis of Evil' Strategy*

Marco Rimanelli, Saint Leo University, [marco.rimanelli@saintleo.edu](mailto:marco.rimanelli@saintleo.edu)

*E.U.'s influence in Kosovo and the Balkans*

David Felsen, Georgia Gwinnett College, [dfelsen@ggc.edu](mailto:dfelsen@ggc.edu)

*Reality, Perception and Attention: Power as Spectacle*

Ioannis Pantzalis, Saint Leo University, [19shibumi79@gmail.com](mailto:19shibumi79@gmail.com)

**Comparative Politics: Politics, Systems, and Latin America, LPH 214**

**Chair and Discussant:** Annabelle Conroy, University of Central Florida, [annabelle.conroy@ucf.edu](mailto:annabelle.conroy@ucf.edu)

*Politics & Corruption in Nicaragua*

Nick Colon, University of Central Florida, [ncolonn71@gmail.com](mailto:ncolonn71@gmail.com)

*Democracy in Honduras: The Impact of State Capacity on Political Participation*  
Isaac Jimenez, University of Miami, [ixj112@miami.edu](mailto:ixj112@miami.edu)

*Populism and Authoritarianism in Venezuela*  
Juliette Andrea Rodriguez, University of Central Florida, [ju144730@ucf.edu](mailto:ju144730@ucf.edu)

## **International Relations: Policy Perspectives, LPH 128**

**Chair & Discussant:** Douglas Rivero, St. Petersburg College, [rivero.douglas@spcollege.edu](mailto:rivero.douglas@spcollege.edu)

*Great Powers, Religion, and International Recognition: Evidence from Bangladesh*  
Nikola Mirilovic, University of Central Florida, [nikola.mirilovic@ucf.edu](mailto:nikola.mirilovic@ucf.edu)

*When Good Policy is Bad Politics: Examining the Political Debate Over the 2021 Withdrawal from Afghanistan*  
Kelly McHugh, Florida Southern College, [kmchugh@flsouthern.edu](mailto:kmchugh@flsouthern.edu)

*Engendering Peace? Using Q Methodology to Evaluate the United Nations' Gender-Based Rationale for UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security*  
Megan Lounsbury, Keiser University Flagship Campus, [mlounsbury@keiseruniversity.edu](mailto:mlounsbury@keiseruniversity.edu)

*Xenophobia, the global war on terror, and refugee policy in the United States, Canada, and Western Europe*  
Chloe J. Lopez, University of Florida, [chloe.lopez@ufl.edu](mailto:chloe.lopez@ufl.edu)

## **State and Local Government: Managing Local Governments, LPH 223**

**Chair:** Austin Trantham, Saint Leo University, [austin.trantham@saintleo.edu](mailto:austin.trantham@saintleo.edu)

*A Comparative Study of Tribal Elections: Estimation and determinants of turnout across tribal nations*  
Lucca Carlson, University of Florida, [lcarlson@ufl.edu](mailto:lcarlson@ufl.edu)

*Understanding Women's Underrepresentation in City Management: The Impact of job Perceptions and Caregiving Responsibilities*  
Jennifer M. Connolly, University of Miami, [jmconnolly@miami.edu](mailto:jmconnolly@miami.edu)  
Laura E. Connolly, Michigan Technological University, [leconn@mtu.edu](mailto:leconn@mtu.edu)  
Cali Curley, University of Miami, [jmc185@miami.edu](mailto:jmc185@miami.edu)

*Climate Change and Resilience Measures in U. S. and Canadian Local Government: Implementing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals*  
Robert Robertson, University College of the Cayman Islands, [rroberts905@gmail.com](mailto:rroberts905@gmail.com)

## **Comparative Politics: Comparative Politics and Systems, LPH 222** (sponsored by IPAC)

**Chair and Discussant:** Dilara Hekimci, University of Miami, [dxh1982@miami.edu](mailto:dxh1982@miami.edu)  
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*Conflict as Motion: A Physics Perspective on Power*  
Greg McDowall, IPAC, [gregdmcdowall@gmail.com](mailto:gregdmcdowall@gmail.com)

*Appealing for Democracy: Challenging Cuba's 1952 Coup in Court*  
Daniel Pedreira,, Florida International University, [dpedreir@fiu.edu](mailto:dpedreir@fiu.edu)

*Armenian Relations in a Regional Perspective*  
Houman Sadri,, University of Central Florida, [housan.sadri@ucf.edu](mailto:housan.sadri@ucf.edu)

*Paraguay Under the Presidency of Mario Abdo Benitez:2018-2023*  
Peter Tase, Freelance Writer, [pmtase@gmail.com](mailto:pmtase@gmail.com)

**Comparative Politics: Theories, Ideologies, & Politics, LPH 229**  
**Chair and Discussant:** Douglas Namur, Rollins College, [dnamur@rollins.edu](mailto:dnamur@rollins.edu)

*Ideology & Personality: Polarization & Conformity in Today's World*  
Lucas Berglund, Eckerd College, [lberglund@eckerd.edu](mailto:lberglund@eckerd.edu)

*A Structuralist Analysis of Neo-Liberalism*  
Matthew Hochfelder, University of Central Florida, [ma341783@ucf.edu](mailto:ma341783@ucf.edu)

**American National Politics: Undergraduate Panel II: Competitive Congressional Elections in the 2024 Election Cycle, LPH 315**  
**Chair and Discussant:** Dan Smith, University of Florida, [dasmith@ufl.edu](mailto:dasmith@ufl.edu)

*The Silver Tsunami and the Seventh District*  
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Leon Titow, Florida Southern College, [ltitow@mocs.flsouthern.edu](mailto:ltitow@mocs.flsouthern.edu)

*NM-02: Shifting Implications of Incumbency*  
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*Let's Try This Again*  
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- Manning J. Dauer Award
- Best Graduate Paper Award
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### **Manning J. Dauer Award**

Manning J. Dauer was a distinguished professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Florida for over half a century. When he passed away in 1986, he left a legacy that is unparalleled in the State of Florida. He had served as both a formal and an informal advisor to scores of governors, the state legislature, mayors, county commissioners, and city councilpersons. Indeed, it is said that he left his imprint on many public policies at both the state and local level. He is perhaps best known for leading a team of scholars and public officials that devised a reapportionment scheme for the State in the aftermath of the famous Baker v. Carr and Reynolds v. Sims cases. As an academic, he wrote numerous articles and books on state and local government and politics, and his work was frequently cited by other scholars. He also edited a well-received book on government and politics in Florida. Professor Dauer was a well-known figure within and outside of academia including both the political science and public administration communities, local and state government, and the media. But his heart and loyalty were perhaps tied closest to the organization that helped to co-found—the Florida Political Science Association (FPSA).

In the late 1990s, the FPSA decided that it was time to establish a lasting and fitting tribute to the person who had breathed life into our Association and devoted so much of his time and energy to the FPSA and the state he loved. To that end, the Association's officers, Executive Council, and membership in 2000 created the Manning J. Dauer Award that would be given every three years to a faculty member at a Florida institution.

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