

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR LECTURE

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

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THE CONTINGENT, CONSTRUCTED NATURE OF THE LINK BETWEEN PSYCHOLOGICAL VARIABLES AND POLITICS

Registration: 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Program: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

About the Program:

This program qualifies for 1.5 continuing education credits.

A great deal of recent research suggests that people's ideological preferences are rooted in epistemic and existential needs: individuals with strong needs for certainty and security lean toward the right, whereas those who are less concerned about attaining certainty and security lean to the left. Though this body of work clearly indicates that psychological factors are a major antecedent of political attitudes, this talk argues that the relationship between the psychological and the political is not a given, rather, it is contingent and constructed. Specifically, evidence reviewed in this program suggests the strength of the relationship between psychological variables and political attitudes varies as a function of: (1) political engagement and attention to elite political discourse, (2) exposure to active political campaigns, (3) nation-level characteristics related to development and modernization, and (4) characteristics of various issue domains.

Location: Weyerhaeuser Administrative Building,
Macalester College,
62 Macalester Street, St. Paul, MN 55105

Participants will:

1. Identify general relationships between political ideology and psychological needs for certainty and security.
2. Describe how these relationships further depend on numerous individual-, issue-, and nation-level characteristics.

About the Presenter:

Christopher M. Federico, Ph.D., is Professor of Psychology and Political Science at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Dr. Federico received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2001. Dr. Federico was an Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota from 2001-2007, then was an Associate Professor from 2007-2015. The research of Dr. Federico examines the psychological foundations of political ideology, political involvement, and intergroup conflict. He has published over 50 articles and book chapters, and his most recent book, published in 2016, is titled *Personality, Parties, and the Foundations of Economic Opinion*. Dr. Federico has received awards from the International Society of Political Psychology and from the International Society for Justice Research, and his research has received funding from the National Science Foundation as well as numerous grants from the University of Minnesota.

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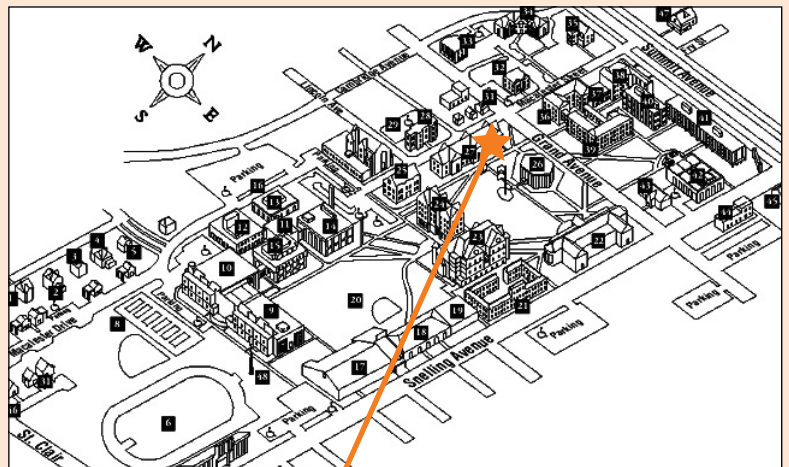
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From the south on I-35, take I-35E into St. Paul. Exit at Ayd Mill Road (exit #104B). At second light, take a left onto Grand Avenue (westbound). For the Weyerhaeuser Administration Building, one block after crossing Snelling Avenue, turn left (south) onto Macalester Street.



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