

APP Mini-conference “New Directions in Research on Congressional Elections”

On **Saturday, September 22** the schedule is as follows:

9:00 AM Bagels, pastries, fruit and coffee catered by the Blue Baker

9:45 AM Welcome and opening remarks, Sarah Fulton, Texas A&M University

10:00 - 11:45 AM, Panel 1: Campaign Quality and Representation

- Tracy Sulkin, University of Illinois: “[Campaign Appeals and Legislative Action.](#)”
Discussant: Kim Hill, Texas A&M University
- Walt Stone, UC-Davis: “[Candidate Valence and Ideological Positions in the 2006 House Elections.](#)”
Discussant: Patricia Hurley, Texas A&M University
- Discussion

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM, Lunch

Box lunches catered by The Blue Baker

1:00 - 2:45 PM, Panel 2: Electoral Effects of Credit-Claiming

- Diana Evans, Trinity College: “[The Election Effects of Credit Claiming for Pork Barrel Projects in Congress.](#)”
Discussant: Dave Peterson, Texas A&M University
- Scott Basinger, SUNY Stony Brook: “[Campaign Advertising, Credit Claiming, and Fenno’s Paradox.](#)”
Discussant: Joe Ura, Texas A&M University
- Discussion

2:45 - 3:00 PM, Snacks and coffee break

3:00 - 4:45 PM, Panel 3: Variations in the Incumbency Advantage

- Gary Jacobson, UC-San Diego: “[The Variability and Contingency of the Incumbency Advantage in U.S. House Elections.](#)”
Discussant: Sarah Fulton, Texas A&M University
- Michael Ensley, Indiana University: “[Electoral Landscapes in Congressional Elections: An Assessment of District Complexity.](#)”
Discussant: Jon Bond, Texas A&M University
- Discussion