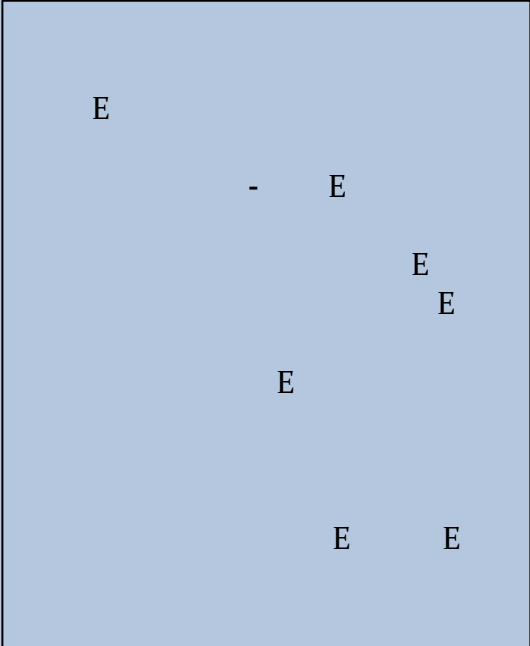
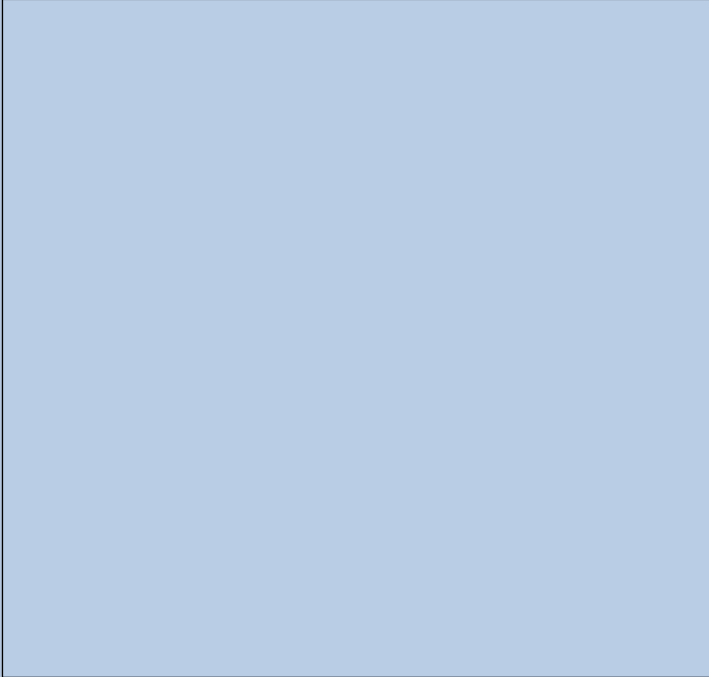


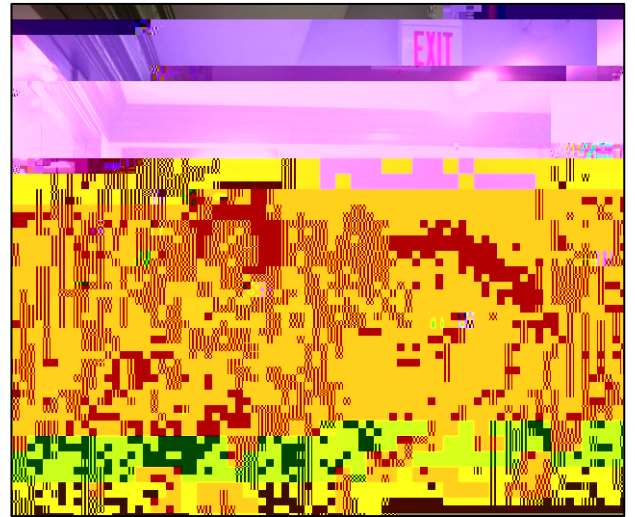




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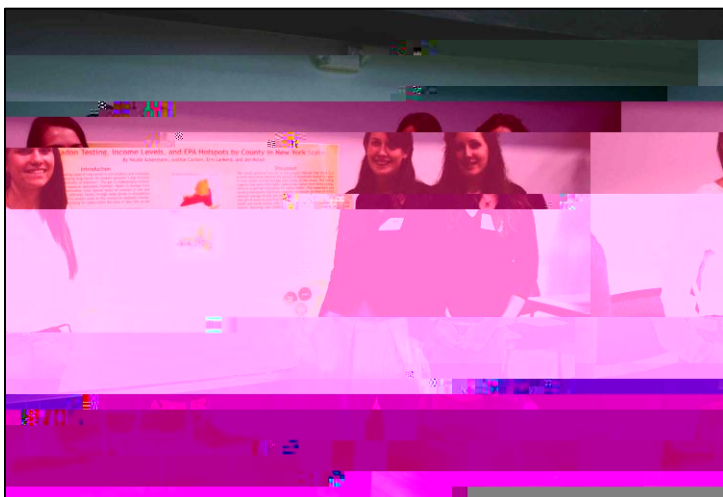


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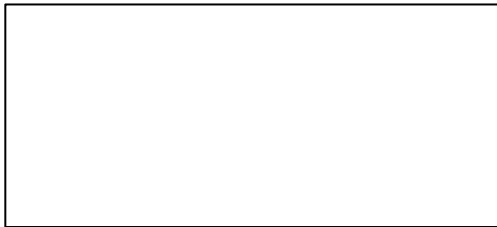
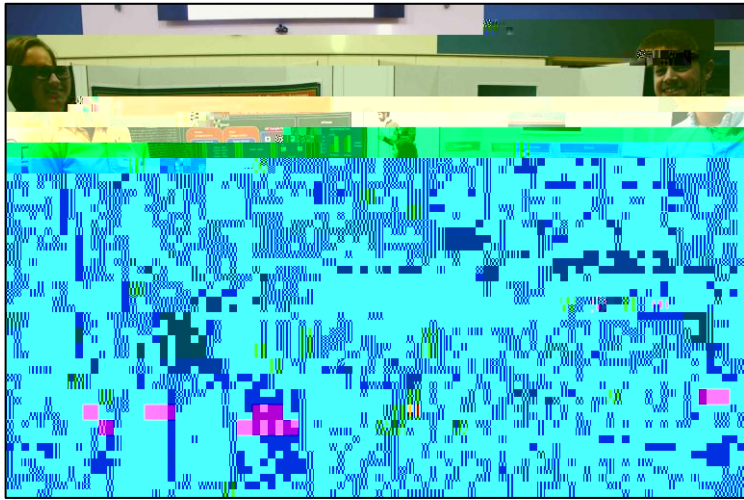
The 4th Annual Global and Local Social Justice Conference hosted a series of undergraduate and graduate student sessions concerning global justice.

Left, Kirsten Palovic, senior Political Science major, presents a poster on “Identity Formation, Culture, and Politics: LGBT Representation in State Government.”



The keynote address was given by Dr. Norman White, of the Criminology and Criminal Justice program and followed by a round of paper panels and posters.

“Norm White gave us a powerful call towards realizing justice based on his extensive experience in social action.”



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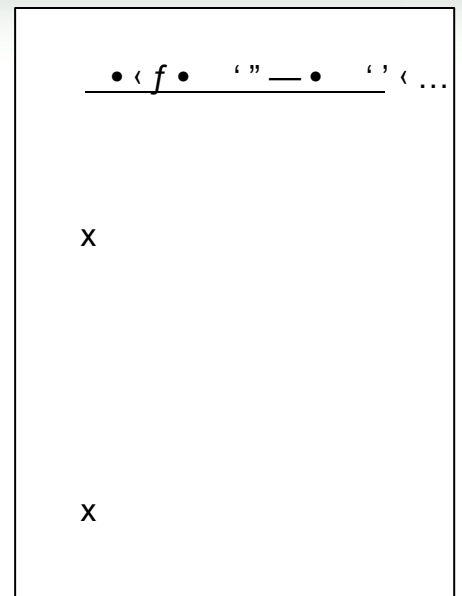
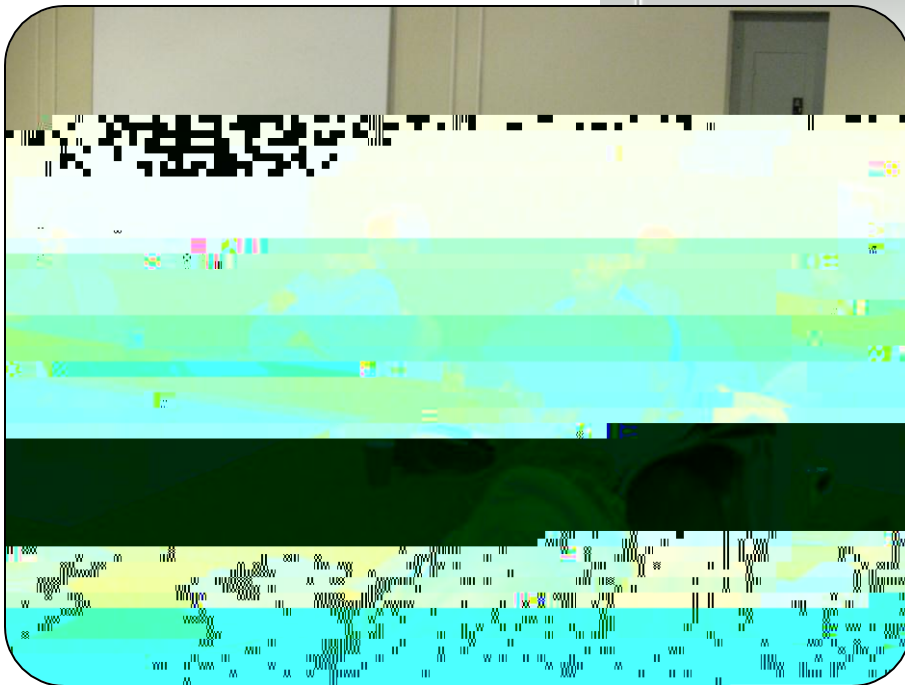
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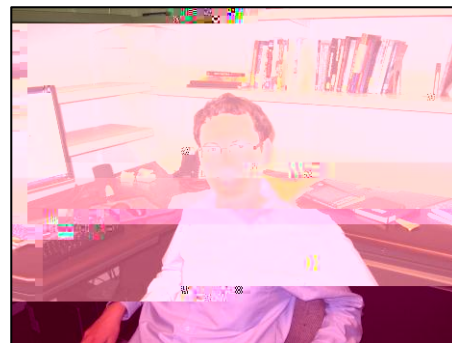
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Asian Forum





Adam Meyers is a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science. Next year he will be an Assistant Professor at Providence College. We asked him to tell us about his interests:

What is your academic background?

I earned my B.A. from Pomona College and my M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin.

What are your research interests?

My research interests lie primarily in two areas: political geography and American political behavior. I look these days about how Americans might be sorting themselves into politically homogeneous enclaves at the sub-national level. Research has established that these differences occur within states segregate themselves into distinct community types, what happens to the politicians who represent them? Do they become more polarized? If so, on what issues? Those are the sorts of questions that my dissertation addresses.

I also conduct research in American political development, which is basically the study of American political history from a political science perspective. One project in which I look at American partisan regimes (long periods of time in which one party dominates) and how federalism impacts the partisan regime cycle. One of the best examples of a partisan regime is the New Deal Era, during which time the national government was almost exclusively controlled by Democrats (and those controlled by Republicans) responded to the New Deal and how this in turn shaped what the New Deal Democrats were able to accomplish from a public policy perspective.

What courses are you teaching? And how do those courses relate to your research interests?

I am currently teaching an upper-division/graduate course on political parties and another upper-division course in American political development. As should be clear from what I wrote above, both of these courses are very closely related to my research interests. ;)

How do you like teaching at SLU?

Teaching at SLU has been a blast. Students here are very intellectually curious and always step up to the plate when I give them a hard assignment. They're also genuinely nice people!