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**California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
April 30, 2010**

**SCHEDULE SUMMARY**

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| 08:00 – 08:45 | Registration<br>Ursa Major                                  |
| 08:45 – 09:10 | Opening Session<br>Ursa Major                               |
| 09:15 – 10:20 | Panel Sessions I<br>Andromeda A, B, C and Ursa Minor        |
| 10:30 – 11:35 | Panel Sessions II<br>Andromeda A, B, C and Ursa Minor       |
| 11:45 – 12:50 | Panel Sessions III<br>Andromeda A, B, C and Ursa Minor      |
| 01:00 – 03:00 | Lunch / Keynote Address / Award Presentations<br>Ursa Major |

**08:00 – 08:45      Registration (Ursa Major)**

**08:45 – 09:10      Opening Session (Ursa Major)**

Introduction: Dr. John L. Korey, Cal Poly Pomona SSRIC Representative

Welcome: Dr. Carol P. Richardson, Dean  
College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences

**09:15 – 10:20    PANEL SESSIONS I**

**Panel 1A: The Longitudinal Study of Culture (Andromeda A)**

Chair: Dr. David Speak, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

*Asian Indians in Los Angeles, 1965-2009*

Suraj Alva, California State University, Long Beach

*Changes in Downtown Los Angeles and the Fifth Migration*

Gareth Howell, California State University, Los Angeles

*The Evolution of the American Family: December 2008*

Sofia Lopez, California State University, Los Angeles

**Panel 1B: Transformation of Nations (Andromeda B)**

Chair: Dr. Sandra Emerson, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

*Composing a Nation: A Multidisciplinary Approach to French Nationalism*

Andria Black, California State University, Long Beach

*Correlates of Democracy*

Michael Neu, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

*From the Ashes of Merovingian Dynasty...*

Grant Tovmasian, California State University, Los Angeles

**Panel 1C: New Applications of GIS (Andromeda C)**

Chair: Dr. Michael Reibel, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

*Grizzly Bear Reintroduction into California*

Jaden Choi, Christopher Roble, Jason Jorgensen, and Andrew Davis, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

*How to Map Wi-Fi Strength Using GIS Software*

Alfredo Gutierrez, Alexi Martin, Hsin-Jen (Sidney) Pan, and Allison Casey, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

*GIS Network Analysis for Finding the Potential Metro Rail Ridership by Access Modes in Los Angeles County*

Bin “Owen” Mo, California State University, Los Angeles

**Panel 1D: Restructuring Decision Making (Ursa Minor)**

Chair: Dr. José Moreno, California State University, Long Beach

*Competitive or Uncompetitive: The California Congressional, Assembly, and Senate’s 2000 Redistricting Round (2000 – 2008)*

Christopher Gonzales, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

*The Effects of Incubation Periods on Fixation and Creativity*

Preston Sobel, Pantea Shademani, Aron Jacobson, Delsy Sandoval, and Matthew Barrett, California State University, Northridge

*Extralegislative Multipartyism: Applying Research on Voting Heuristics to Facilitate Multiparty Direct Democracy*

Timothy Van de Krol, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

**10:30 – 11:35 PANEL SESSIONS II**

**Panel 2A: The Communication of Information and Emotion (Andromeda A)**

Chair: Mr. Steve Stratton, California State University, Channel Islands

*“The Avatar Blues”: Media Induced Emotional and Cognitive Effects on the Consumer*

Norma Castillo and Andrea Edwards, California State University, Dominguez Hills

*Emotional Involvement Across Communication Technologies*  
Esbeyde Garcia, California State University, Dominguez Hills

*Individual Differences in the Ability to Notice Error and Change*  
Joey Mangini, California State University, Northridge

**Panel 2B: Psychological Research and Health (Andromeda B)**

Chair, Dr. Ken Shultz, California State University, San Bernardino

*You Are What You Drink: Object Priming, Motivation, and Self-rated Personality*  
Barrett, Matthew E. , California State University, Northridge

*Psychophysiological Effects of Different Breathing Styles*  
Noah Barringer and Carla Hyche, CSU San Marcos

*Apathy Related to Neurocognitive Performance in HIV-infected Individuals*  
Aron Jacobson, California State University, Northridge

**Panel 2C: Law and Society (Andromeda C)**

Chair: Dr. Ellen Berg, California State University, Sacramento

*The Colburn School: Setting a Precedent for Medical Marijuana*  
Vera Danho, California State University, Los Angeles

*Outcome Evaluation of HIV/AIDS Outreach Project at Malmesbury Prison in South Africa*

Heather Fickas, California State University, San Bernardino

*The Church Influences the State: Religion and Marijuana Laws*  
Daniel Krystosek, California State University, Sacramento

*H.R. 2- Children's Health Insurance*

Sierra Seevers, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

**Panel 2D: School and Society (Ursa Minor)**

Chair, Dr. Gene Turner, California State University, Northridge

*Academic Success of English Language Learners and The Factors That  
Contributes to Their Learning Such as Parental Involvement*

Daisy Cisneros, California State University, Long Beach

*Construction of Racism and Sexism Among Students in Los Angeles*

Crescenciana Cruz, California State University, Los Angeles

*Latin@ Student Participation in the Classroom*

Mariela Gutierrez and Michael Viramontes, California State University, Long  
Beach

**11:45 – 12:50 PANEL SESSIONS III**

**Panel 3A: Health and Culture (Andromeda A)**

Chair: Dr. Greg Bohr, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

*Quality is Quantity: Marital Quality and Higher Self-rated Health*

Karin Miller, California State University, Sacramento

*Physician Documentation and Reimbursement for Clinic XYZ*

Yogeeta Sharma, California State University, Los Angeles

*Policy Analysis Report: Obesity in South Los Angeles*

Ehren M. Thompson, California State University Long Beach

**Panel 3B: Perspectives on and from Latin America (Andromeda B)**

Chair: Dr. Ali Modarres, California State University, Los Angeles

*Incantation and Magic: The Forgotten Medicine of Mexico*

Lesly Aispuro, California State University, Los Angeles

*Approaches to Mexican Adolescent Sexuality: An Analysis of Recent Studies*

Isabel Martinez, California State University, Los Angeles

*Transnational Identities in Cuban/American Novels*

Cecilia Salvi, California State University, Los Angeles

**Panel 3C: How Social Science Disciplines Can (or Cannot) Contribute to Decision Making (Andromeda C)**

Chair: Dr. Ed Nelson, California State University, Fresno

*Pesticide Productivity*

Jennifer Leung, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

*Forecasting Financial Stocks using Data Mining*

Luna Christie Tjung, California State University, Fresno

*Is Political Science a Science?*

Cristina Saca, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

**PANEL 3D: Conflict and Change Within and Between Cultures (Ursa Minor)**

Chair: Dr. Matt Jarvis, California State University, Fullerton

*Out of Norm: An Ethnography at the GAMeBoi Event*

Hoching Jiang, California State University, Los Angeles

*Mihi – to be Sorry, to Repent, to Confess*

Kai Kaululaau, California State University, Los Angeles

*Cultural Changes in Ritual Practices in Blood among Nepalese Immigrants*

Ammar Lamichhane, California State University, Los Angeles

*Lopez v. Seccombe: The City of San Bernardino's Mexican American Defense Committee and Its Role in Regional and National Desegregation*

Mark Ocegueda, California State University, San Bernardino

**01:00 – 03:00 Lunch / Keynote Address / Award Presentations (Ursa Major)**

### **Keynote Address**

Introduction: Dr. Sandra M. Emerson, Cal Poly Pomona SSRIC Representative and Director, MPA Program

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Alex Gonzalez, Senior Management Analyst, Transportation Division, City of Covina and Cal Poly Pomona MPA Alumnus

### **Awards**

Introduction: Dr. Ellen Berg, California State University SSRIC Representative and Chair, SSRIC

**The Charles McCall Award for Best Undergraduate Paper**

**The Betty Nesvold Award for Best Graduate Paper**

**The Gloria Rummels Award for Best Quantitative Paper**

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- facilitating social science research,
- supporting the development of quantitative literacy of students and faculty, and
- supporting and implementing the collection and distribution of social science data and computer-aided instruction.

## Notes