History of Congress conference
George Washington University
May 29-May 31, 2008

Thursday, May 29

3:15 pm.	Meet in front of Monroe Hall, 2115 G. St. NW (Corner of 21st and G. Sts) to depart for a 4 pm tour of the Congressional Cemetery with U.S. Senate Associate Historian Donald Ritchie. (Rain or shine…within reason!)
6-7 pm	Reception, 440 Monroe Hall (4th floor), 2115 G St. NW
7:30 pm	Dinner at Aroma Restaurant (Indian), 1919 I St. N.W. (Corner of 19th and I Sts, a very short walk from GW.)

Friday, May 30

City View Room, 7th Floor, Elliott School of International Affairs, 1957 E. St. NW

8:30-9:15 am	Breakfast
9:15-9:30 am	Welcoming remarks and introductions
9:30-10:45 am	Elections in the Antebellum Congress
	Jamie Carson (University of Georgia) and Trey Hood (University of Georgia), "The Effect of the Partisan Press on U.S. House Elections, 1800-1820"
	Michael Crespin (University of Georgia) and Trey Hood (University of Georgia), "Backward Mapping: Exploring Questions of Representation via Spatial Analysis of Historical Congressional Districts"
	Discussants: Joshua Clinton (Princeton University) and Joseph Cooper (Johns Hopkins University)
11:00am-12:15 pm	The 19th Century Electoral Connection

Charles Finocchiaro (University of South Carolina), "Constituent Service, Agency Decision Making and Legislative Influence on the Bureaucracy in the Post Civil War Era"

Eric Lawrence (George Washington University), "Political Pork and Political Requests"

Discussants: Forrest Maltzman (George Washington University) and Garry Young (George Washington University)

12:15-1:15 pm Lunch discussion moderated by Valerie Heitshusen (CRS)

"Inside the Archives"

Jessica Kratz (NARA) and Kenneth Kato (NARA), "Congressional Archives: Promises and Pitfalls"

Glen Krutz (University of Oklahoma): "The Evolution of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs"

1:30-2:45pm Elections and Realignments in the 19th Century

Erik Engstrom (UC, Davis), "Strategic Redistricting and Congressional Realignments"

John Baughman (Bates College), "Legislation as Insurance: A Reconsideration of Ambition Theory and the Realignment of the 1850s"

Discussants: Jason Roberts (University of Minnesota) and Alan Wiseman (OSU)

3:00-4:15 pm Procedural Politics in Historical Perspective

Anthony Madonna (Washington University, St. Louis) and Michael Lynch (University of Kansas), "Viva Voce: Implications from the Disappearing Voice Vote, 1807-1990"

John Owens (University of Westminster) and Mark Wrighton (Millikin University, "Partisan Polarization, Procedural Control, and Partisan Emulation in the U.S. House: An Explanation of Rules Restrictiveness Over Time"

Discussants: Gregory Koger (University of Miami) and Sarah Binder (GWU, Brookings)

7:00 pm — Dinner at Forrest and Sarah's house, 5019 Wissioming Rd., Bethesda, MD 20816; (301) 320-3852

At 6:30 pm, meet in front of Stata Plaza Hotel (F street entrance) for those needing a ride; dress is extremely casual.

Saturday, May 31

Department of Political Science, 460 Monroe Hall, 4th floor, 2115 G. St., NW

8:45-9:30 am — Breakfast

9:30-10:45 am — The Evolution of Congressional Parties

Jeffrey Jenkins (UVA) and Charles Stewart (MIT), "Speakership Elections since 1860: The Rise of the Organizational Caucus."

Jeffrey Stonecash (Syracuse) and Jon Bond (Texas A&M), "The Rise and Decline of Moderates in the House of Representatives."

Discussants: Randall Strahan (Emory) and Elizabeth Rybicki (CRS)

11 am-12:15 pm — The Textbook Congress Revisited

Eric Schickler (UC Berkeley), Kathryn Pearson (University of Minnesota), and Brian Feinstein (Harvard University), "Congressional Parties and Civil Rights Politics from 1920-1972"

C. Lawrence Evans (William and Mary), "The House Whip Process and the Textbook Congress"

Discussants: John Griffin (Notre Dame) and Chris Deering (George Washington University)