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Political Argumentation: Debating the Four Estates



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Schedule Information:

Scheduled Time: Fri, Nov 17 - 9:30am - 10:45am **Building/Room:** Convention Center / Room 214 A

Title Displayed in Event Calendar: Political Argumentation: Debating the Four Estates

Session Participants:

A Functional Analysis of Televised U.S. Senate Campaign Debates

[David J Airne](#) (University of Alabama), [LeAnn Brazeal](#) (Kansas State Univ), [*William Benoit](#) (Univ of Missouri, Columbia)

An Image is Worth "Sixteen Words": The African Uranium Controversy

[*Jason Regnier](#) (University of Iowa)

Debating the Great Debates of 1960: Presidential Libraries as Sites for Political Argumentation

[*Sara Mehlretter](#) (Penn State University), [Dale Herbeck](#) (Boston College)

Interpreting the debate, debating the interpretation: Breyer and Scalia on comparative constitutional law*

[*Doyle Srader](#) (Stephen F Austin State Univ)

Respondent: [Neil Mansharamani](#) (University of Maryland)

Abstract:

This panel discusses the role argumentation plays in the three official branches of government (Executive, Legislative, and Judicial) and the "fourth" estate of media. The first paper explores the role of presidential libraries play in crafting political argumentation. Next, there is a paper that addresses television as it relates to U.S. Senate campaigns. Another paper analyzes the positions taken by Justices Stephen Breyer and Anotnin Scalia on comparative constitutional law. Finally, a fourth paper looks at aspects of the African Uranium Controversy.