11:00 am-12:00 pm  Registration and Lunch.  Location: Stables

12:00-4:00 pm  Session I: Research Presentation Talks  Location: Stables II
Chaired by Scott Cook (Texas A&M University)

12:05-1:00 pm  “Taking Space Seriously: Comparing Multilevel and Spatial Modeling in Addressing Spatial Associations in Public Policy Research”
Ling Zhu (University of Houston), Hai (David) Guo (Florida International University), Shaomin Cheng (Florida International University), and Zhirong (Jerry) Zhao (University of Minnesota)
Discussed by Scott Cook (Texas A&M University)

1:05-2:00 pm  “The Fingerprints of Fraud: Evidence from Mexico’s 1988 Presidential Election”
Francisco Cantu (University of Houston)
Discussed by Florian Hollenbach (Texas A&M University)

2:05-3:00 pm  “Unnecessary Bias”
Carlisle Rainey (Texas A&M University) and Holger Kern (Florida State University)
Discussed by Christopher Wlezien (University of Texas)

3:05-4:00 pm  “A Unified Theory of Regression Adjustment for Design-based Inference”
Joel Middleton (University of California, Berkeley)
Discussed by Alison Craig (University of Texas)

4:00-4:30 pm  Break

4:30-6:00 pm  Poster Session and Reception.  Location: Stables I

“Modeling Without Conditional Independence: Gaussian Process Regression for Time-Series Cross-Sectional Analyses” by David Carlson (Washington University)

“Putting Geography Back in Spatial Econometrics” by Scott Cook and Samantha Zuhlke (Texas A&M University)

“Moving Forward or Backsliding: A Causal Inference Analysis of the Effects of the Shelby Decision in North Carolina” by Nadine Gibson (University of Texas)

“Dynsimpie II” by Yoo Sun Jung, Andrew Philips, Flavio Souza, and Guy Whitten (Texas A&M University)

“Trust in Automated Political Forecasting” by Ryan Kennedy, Philip Waggoner, and Matthew Ward (University of Houston)

“Power in Text: Extracting Institutional Relationships from Natural Language” by Robert Shaffer (University of Texas)

“Gender and Legislative Effectiveness in the Argentine Chamber of Deputies” by Kaitlin Senk (Rice University)

“Spatial Interactions and the Specification of W” by Garrett Vande Kamp (Texas A&M University)

“Public Administration, Public Policy, Local Politics, and Causal Inference” by Youlang Zhang (Texas A&M University)

6:00-7:00 pm  Keynote Talk.  Location: Stables II
Dr. Vera Troeger, Professor of Quantitative Political Economy, University of Warwick and Editor in Chief of Political Science Research and Methods (PSRM)

7:30-9:00 pm  Dinner

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