Anti-Essentialism Conference

March 2-3, 2007

Ramada Hollywood Beach Resort,
101 North Ocean Drive,
Hollywood FL 33019 USA

Friday, March 2nd:

07:30 - 08:30: Name tags/ Introductions/ Welcome

08:30 - 10:00: Conference Session 1

Anderson, Jonathan (University of Alaska Southeast)
Innocence, Blame and Accountability: Avoidance and Sense-making in Public Administration

Kensen, Sandra
The Interplay between Formal and Extra-Formal Democracy

Miller, Hugh T. (Florida Atlantic University)
Contingency and Public Interest: Democratic Administration Amidst the Decohering State

Catlaw, Thomas J. (Arizona State University)
Anarchy in the PA? Anti-Essentialism, Anti-Statism and the Future of Public Administration

10:00 -10:30: Morning Break

Smoked salmon platter; parfait station; assorted yogurts served with fresh berries, granola, dried fruits, nuts & honey. Fresh fruit platter; sweet biscotti. Bread basket served with cream cheese spreads & preserves, bagels, baguettes, artisan fruit & nut breads.
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10:30-12:00: Conference Session 2

Herzog, Rick (Stephen F. Austin State University, Texas)
Reversing the Theoretical Parsimony and Pragmatic Richness Dogma in Public Administration: Gaps, Traps, and Maps

Hansen, Kenneth N. (California State University, Fresno)
Border Insecurity: The Original Anti-Essentialist Public Policy

Thorne, Kym & Alexander Kouzmin
The Imperative for Darkness in “Dark Times”

Haahr, Jens Henrik (Danish Technological Institute) & Peter Triantafillou (Roskilde University)
Truth and the Government of Employment in the European Union

Sapat, Alka (Florida Atlantic University)
Privatization and Democracy in India

12:30 - 1:30: Lunch on your own

1:30 - 3:30: Conference Session 3

Cawley, R. McGreggor (University of Wyoming)
Uneven Mirrors, Reality and Administrative Conscience

Eagen, Jennifer L. (California State University, East Bay)
The De-formation of Decentered Subjects: Foucault and Postmodern Public Administration

McGinn, Kathleen A. (Port St. Lucie Public Schools, Florida)
The Normalized Bureaucrat

Sementelli, Arthur (Florida Atlantic University)
Anti-Essentialism, Parrhesia and Citizenship

3:30 - 4:00: Afternoon Break

Baguettes; sourdough, multigrain & pumpernickel slices served with prosciutto, salami, ham, smoked turkey, chicken breast with Swiss, cheddar, & provolone cheeses; tomato, fresh mozzarella, & basil marinated salad; herbed pita chips served with assorted hummus & dips, drizzled w/ balsamic vinegar & olive oil. Assorted breadbasket served with mustard, aioli varieties & select cold cuts. Beverages: water, coke, diet coke, sprite, assorted iced teas, o.j., apple juice, tomato juice, milk.
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4:00 - 5:30: Conference Session 4

Spicer, Michael W. (Cleveland State University)

Staniševski, Dragan (Mississippi State University)
Anti-Essentialism in Multicultural Societies: Facilitating Multicultural Discourse through Tolerance of Cultural Pluralism

Burnier, DeLysa (Ohio University)
The New Deal’s Caring State: A Foundational Narrative for Contemporary Public Administration

Rutgers, Mark R. (Leiden University, the Netherlands)
The Reasoning Administrator: On Causes and Reasons in the Study of Public Administration

Dinner on your own

Hugh’s Favorites: Downtown: Fulvio’s ($$$), Try My Thai/Sushi; Sushi Blues (gets noisy later). Beach: Tavern Opa (raucus); Sugar Reef, Billy’s Stone Crab ($$$).

Saturday, March 3rd:

08:30 - 10:00: Conference Session 5

Antwi-Boasiako, Kwame Badu (Stephen F Austin State University, Texas)
The Changing the Whiteness in the Public Sector: Hiring of Minorities and Conservative Resistance

Larson, Robin
Forward into the Past with Performance Accountability: Paternalistic Expertise and the Dilemmas of Gender

Olshfski, Dorothy (Rutgers University, Newark) & Robert Cunningham (University of Tennessee)
How Middle Managers and Executives Identify Policy or Management Problems

Horiuchi, Catherine
Theorizing Public Administration as a Stochastic Process

Demir, Tansu (University of Illinois at Springfield)
Politics and Administration: A Review of Research and Some Suggestions
Saturday, March 3rd: continued . . .

10:00 – 10:30: Morning Break

Artisan fruit & nut breads; prosciutto & melon platter; parfait station; assorted yogurts served with fresh berries, granola, dried fruits, nuts & honey; fresh fruit platter, sweet biscotti. Assorted breadbasket served with cream cheese spreads & preserves; bagels, baguettes.

10:30 - 12:00: Conference Session 6

Fischer, Frank (Rutgers University [USA] & University of Kassel [Germany])
The Argumentative Turn in Policy Expertise: Deliberation as Postpositivist Practice

Timney, Mary
New Public Management and Market-Based Public Policy: Retreat to Modernism or Rejection of Discourse?

Wagenaar, Hendrick (Leiden University, the Netherlands)
Towards a Generative Policy Analysis: Elaborating the Fit between Policy Analysis and the Political

Hacker, Hans (Stephen F. Austin State University)
Re-Conceptualizing Public Policy as “That which is Best at Any Given Time”

12:00 - 1:30: Lunch on your own

1:30 - 3:00: Conference Session 7

Zanetti, Lisa
Transformative Public Administration: A Response to Existential Crisis

Bogason, Peter (Roskilde University Denmark)
Forms of Knowledge in Pragmatic Research

Hollar, T. Lucas (Florida Atlantic University)
Existentially Pragmatic: Public Administration and Goal-Oriented Public Activity

Abel, C.F. (Stephen F. Austin State University)
The New Pragmatism, Anti-Essentialism and What Is Universal: It’s the Situation All the Way Down
Saturday, March 3rd: continued . . .

3:00 – 3:30: Afternoon Break

Deluxe mini sandwich platter, sesame crusted Asian chicken tea sandwiches, ricotta & marjoram tea sandwiches, mini salad nicoise tuna sandwiches, mini roast beef & horseradish mayonnaise, European ham, butter & cornichon tea sandwiches; gourmet terra chips; fresh vegetable crudités served with assorted dips; fresh fruit salad. Beverages: water, coke, diet coke, sprite, assorted iced teas, o.j., apple juice, tomato juice, milk.

3:30 – 5:00: Conference Session 8

Luton, Larry S. (Eastern Washington University, Spokane)
Deconstructing Public Administration Empiricism

White, Jay D. (University of Nebraska, Omaha)
The Hermeneutics of Government Contracting: Questions of Meaning, Anti-Essentialism and Anti-Foundationalism

Never, Brent (University of Illinois at Springfield)
The Failure of Idealism: Mental Models and the Inability to Change

Marshall, Gary (University of Nebraska)
Public Administration and the Symbolic Function: What Possibilities for Rectification

5:30: Van rides to reception begin

To walk to the reception, cross the Hollywood Blvd. bridge and continue west for 5 blocks. Take a right at 12th Ave. Take the first left at Tyler Street. 1219 Tyler Street is on the right.

6:00 – 9:00: Reception at the home of Danielle Hollar and Hugh Miller

Cucumber Cups filled with Shrimp in Louis Sauce Garnished with Bacon & Avocado
Caribbean Chicken Salad served in Endive Leaves
Caribbean Jerk Chicken Salad with Avocado & Mango
Asian Beef Salad in Filo Cups Garnished with seaweed salad
Sesame Seared Tuna served in Sesame Orange Tartlet China Spoons
Asian marinated seared tuna steak in tartlets, with black & white sesame seeds and hint of orange peel
Smoked Salmon Canapés on Dill Cream Cheese, with a Sweet Mustard Garnish on pumpernickel bread
Rolled Ricotta & Sage Crepes Served with Parmesan Shavings
Salmon Ceviche in Corn Tortilla Cups
Tiny Parmesan Shortbread with Pesto, Goat Cheese & Sun dried Tomato Spread
Caramelized Banana Cups Served in tiny glass vases, with a drop of pastry cream & a tiny meringue