FRACTURING DEMOCRACY:
THE EROSION OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN A SHIFTING COMMUNICATION ECOLOGY

Day 1, Thursday, February 27, 2020 (Vans from Edgewater leave for Vilas at 8:30am; pastries and coffee available at Vilas Hall).

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS (9:15) Mike Wagner, on behalf of the Center for Communication and Civic Renewal Team

SESSION ONE (9:30-11:30): Information, Context, & Populism in Political Communication

Chris Wells, Lewis Friedland, Jiyoun Suk, Ceri Hughes, Michael Wagner, Dhavan Shah
Title: Patterns of media use and political attitudes across urban, suburban and rural areas of Wisconsin, 2018

Richard Fletcher
Title: Populism and polarized trust in news from public service media across Europe

Lilliana Mason
Title: The Roots and Risks of Radical Partisanship (co-authored with Nathan Kalmoe)

Claudia Strauss
Title: Populist conventional discourses

LUNCH (12:00-1:30): Invitation only at the University Club
SESSION TWO (1:45-3:00): New Media and Democratic Fracture

Shannon McGregor
Title: Public opinion in the news: How social media shapes journalistic routines, the news, and audience attitudes

Michael Kearney
Title: Understanding the Prevalence and Use of “Bots” on Twitter

Andreas Jungherr
Title: Discursive Power in contemporary communication spaces and the fracturing of democracy

COFFEE BREAK 3:00-3:15

SESSION THREE (3:15-4:30): Information Fragmentation and Democratic Fracture

Alice Marwick
Title: Canceled: How Morally Motivated Networked Harassment Reinforces Norms

Sandra González-Bailón
Title: Exposure to News Grows less Fragmented with Increase in Mobile Access

Lei Guo
Title: Are mainstream media still setting the public agenda in a polarized media landscape?

HAPPY HOUR (4:30 - 6:00 pm at the Study Pub) OR walk/catch a ride with a UW faculty member or graduate students to hotel for a short break

CONFERENCE DINNER (6:30-9:00pm at Porta Bella, Invitation Only)

Lewis Friedland
Title: Reactions and Reflections on Civic Fracture
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Day 2, Friday, February 28, 2020, (Vans from Edgewater leave for Vilas at 8:30am – pastries and coffee at Vilas Hall).

SESSION ONE (9:00 – 10:30 am): Communication Ecologies and Political Contention

Lew Friedland  
Title: Concepts and Themes at the Intersection of Communication, Civic Fracture, and Democracy

Chris Wells and Lew Friedland  
Title: Theoretical Overview of the Wisconsin Project

Mike Wagner and Dhavan Shah  
Title: Analytic Approaches in the Wisconsin Project

SESSION TWO (10:30 - 11:30 am): Discussion of Core Concepts, Questions, and Directions

Chris Wells, Moderator

THE “UNCONFERENCE” – OPEN CALL FOR WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS (11:30am - 12:00 pm)

Mike Wagner, Unconference Wrangler

Conference participants will propose workshops ideas around shared interests for the afternoon sessions:

- Attendees post ideas for workshops or conversations about conference-related topics
- Wrangler synthesizes various ideas into two sets of afternoon sessions
- Attendees join sessions that interest them, moving from session to session if they like.
- We will hold up to three workshops/conversations for each of two afternoon sessions
LUNCH (12:00 - 1:00 pm) – Mediterranean fare from Banzo Served in Nafziger Room

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“UNCONFERENCE” SESSION ONE (1:00 - 2:30 pm)

Attendees join one of three rooms designated for a proposed workshop or conversation

Room 1    Room 2    Room 3

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“UNCONFERENCE” SESSION TWO (3:00 - 4:15 pm)

Attendees join one of three rooms designated for a proposed workshop or conversation

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PLENARY DISCUSSION (4:30 - 5:30 pm): Points of Collaboration: Data, Methods, Theory-Building

Mike Wagner and Dhavan Shah, Moderators

Collaborative Projects and Grants; Data Archives and Sharing; Retrieval and Scraping Tools

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CONFERENCE DINNER (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Invitation only at Lucille)

Kathy Cramer
Title: Closing Thoughts and Thanks

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