



Herb Asher (The Ohio State University) introduced the first panel of The Transformative Election of 2008 conference held October 2-3, 2009 at the Mershon Center.



Electoral Administration was the first topic discussed during The Transformative Election of 2008 conference. Seated left to right are Electoral Administration panelists Barry Burden (University of Wisconsin), Richard Niemi (University of Rochester), and Edward Foley (The Ohio State University).



The Electoral Administration panelists listened as members of a full audience posed a variety of intriguing and challenging questions to their findings. Panel members from left to right are Herb Asher (standing center), Chair/Discussant (The Ohio State University), Barry Burden (University of Wisconsin), Richard Niemi (University of Rochester), and Edward Foley (The Ohio State University).



Edward Foley, Robert M. Duncan/Jones Day Designated Professor of Law at The Ohio State University, clarified a point made in his presentation "A Hypothetical McCain v. Obama Dispute, Its Relation to Real Disputes in Other 2008 Elections, and Preparations for the Future," as part of the first panel of The Transformative Election of 2008 conference.





The second panel of the day, Race and Voting in 2008, began with, "Yes We Can! Valence Politics and Electoral Choice in America, 2008," presented by Harold Clarke (University of Texas-Dallas). Panel members seated left to right are Chair/Discussant Paul Beck, (The Ohio State University), Chris Devine (The Ohio State University), conference organizer Herb Weisberg (The Ohio State University), Michael Tesler (University of California- Los Angeles), Gary Segura (Stanford University), and Matt Barreto (University of Washington).



Harold Clarke (University of Texas-Dallas) and Chris Devine (The Ohio State University) presented research on Race and Voting in 2008 as part of The Transformative Election of 2008 conference held at the Mershon Center, October 2-3, 2009. Clark (seated left) presented his research titled, "Yes We Can! Valence Politics and Electoral Choice in America, 2008," while Devine (seated right), along with conference organizer Herb Weisberg, presented "Racial Attitude Effects on Voting in the 2008 Presidential Election."



Chris Devine, seated left, (The Ohio State University) and conference organizer Herb Weisberg, center, (The Ohio State University) listened as Michael Tesler, seated right, (University of California-Los Angeles) fielded a question from an audience member during the second panel of the Transformative Election of 2008 conference.



Paul Beck (far right), professor of political science and Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at The Ohio State University, fielded a question from Michael Lewis-Beck (seated far left) during the panel, Race and Voting in 2008. Lewis-Beck, professor of political science at the University of Iowa, presented his work, "Economic Voting Theory: Testing New Dimensions," during The Transformative Election of 2008 conference panel, Policy Issues and the Vote.



Herb Weisberg, conference organizer and political science department Chair at The Ohio State University, made the opening remarks at the second day of the Transformative Election of 2008 conference. The day's first panel, Foreign Policy in the Election, included participants, seated left to right, John Mueller, panel Chair/Discussant, (The Ohio State University), Gary Jacobson (University of California-San Diego), and Helmut Norpoth (State University of New York-Stony Brook).



As part of the panel on Foreign Policy in the Election, Gary Jacobson, professor of political science at the University of California-San Diego, presented his research titled, "George W. Bush, the Iraq War, and the Election of Barack Obama."





Participants of The Transformative Election of 2008 conference mingled during a coffee break. John Mueller (center), Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies at The Ohio State University, continued discussion of points raised by the panel on Foreign Policy in the Election with fellow conference participants.



Pictured from left to right are Policy Issues and the Vote panelists Jan Box-Steffensmeier, Chair/Discussant, (The Ohio State University), Sunshine Hillygus (Duke University), and William Jacoby (Michigan State University). Policy Issues and the Vote was the fifth panel of The Transformative Election of 2008 conference held at the Mershon Center, October 2-3, 2009.



William Jacoby, professor of political science at Michigan State University, presented research titled, "Liberals, Conservatives, and Obama's Victory: Was 2008 an Ideological Election?" as part of the panel on Policy Issues and the Vote during The Transformative Election of 2008 conference.



Alan Abramowitz, Alben W. Barkley Professor of Political Science at Emory University, presented research titled, "Barack Obama and the Transformation of the American Electorate," as part of the final panel of the Transformative Election of 2008 conference. Abramowitz (seated far left) continued discussion of his research with (clockwise from center) Anthony Mughan, professor of political science at The Ohio State University, Gary Jacobson, professor of political science at the University of California-San Diego, and John Mueller, Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies at The Ohio State University.