



Thank you for your interest in the upcoming conference, “**Does Public Election Funding Change Public Policy? Evaluating the State of Knowledge.**” The conference, which will be held at the Fluno Center for Executive Education on the UW campus, will bring together scholars and policy experts who are interested in the questions of how public election funding changes the policy process, and how elected officials adapt to new strategic conditions.

I have attached an agenda and list of panelists. Each session will consist of presentations on the state of research by scholars active in the area, with time for questions and discussion.

My goals in organizing this conference are the creation a critical mass of scholars who are interested in this important subject; identifying what we know about public funding and what we would like to know; and thinking about possible next steps in establishing a research agenda. This meeting will give you an opportunity to meet some of the best young scholars in the field, as well as some of the most established names.

There is a \$110 registration fee, which covers all conference materials, as well as lunch on January 28th and breakfast on the 28th and 29th. The deadline for registration is January 10th. I have also included information on traveling to Madison.

If you have any questions, please contact me at kmayer@polisci.wisc.edu, or at 608-263-2286.

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**Does Public Election Funding Change Public Policy? Evaluating the State of Knowledge
Fluno Center for Executive Education, University of Wisconsin, Madison
January 28-29, 2006**

Tentative Agenda

January 28

Session 1 Saturday morning

Introduction and Welcome

Kenneth R. Mayer UW Madison

What do we know? Summarizing Key Research

Michael Bailey Georgetown University
Robert Hogan Louisiana State University
Nathan Persily University of Pennsylvania

Public Funding and Legislative Behavior: Analyzing State Legislatures

Thad Kousser UC San Diego
Anthony Gierzynski University of Vermont
Keith Hamm Rice University

Non-legislative bodies: Gubernatorial, Judicial, and Commission decision making

David Primo Rochester University
Jeffrey Milyo University of Missouri

Lunch

Session 2 Saturday afternoon

Public Funding and Political Parties

John Coleman UW Madison
Ray La Raja University of Massachusetts – Amherst

Public Funding and Candidates, Interest Groups, and Lobbyists

Jennifer Steen Boston College
Michael MacDonald George Mason University
Michael Malbin Campaign Finance Institute

Public Funding and Policy Outcomes: Does public funding change government policy?

Ruth Jones Arizona State University
John Samples CATO Institute
Robert Stern Center for Governmental Studies

January 29

Session 3 Sunday morning

**Roundtable: Identifying research questions: what would we like to know?
Conclusion: Next Steps**



Travel Information
Does Public Election Funding Change Public Policy? Establishing a Research Program
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Fluno Center for Executive Education
Madison, Wisconsin

Air Travel

Most major airlines or their regional affiliates fly into the Madison-Dane County Regional Airport (MSN): Northwest, American, United, Delta, Continental, and Midwest. The airport is about 10 minutes from the conference center.

Hotels

The Fluno Center has a limited number of on-site guestrooms, at \$139 per night. You may also stay at the nearby Doubletree Hotel (1 block from the conference center), at \$129 per night. Please be sure to tell them that you are attending the Public Funding conference. The contact information is:

Fluno Center for Executive Education
601 University Ave.
Madison, WI 53715
608-441-7117

Madison Doubletree Hotel
525 W. Johnson Street,
Madison, Wisconsin, 53703
608-251-5511

Registration Form

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