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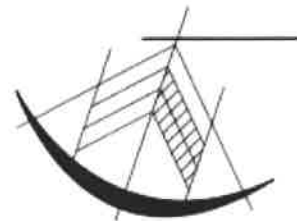
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Georgia Center Room Information:

Registration: Hill Atrium (outside Mahler)
All Refreshment Breaks: Hill Atrium
Breakfast on Thurs-Sat: Hill Atrium
Lunch on Thurs-Fri, Dinner Fri: Magnolia Ballroom
Lunch on Sat: Dogwood Hall
Paper sessions: Room KL (Second Floor) and Mahler Auditorium.
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Schedule - All Rooms are in the Georgia Center

Wednesday, July 23: Arrival and Hotel Check-In

7:00pm Women's Dinner. RSVPed guests depart Pecan Tree Galleria, 6:30. Inés Levin & Stefanie Lindquist, hosts.

Thursday, July 24

7:30am	Breakfast and Registration	Hill Atrium
9:00	Opening Remarks	Mahler
9:30	<u>Session I</u> "Modeling Unobserved Heterogeneity in Network Formation" Janet Box-Steffensmeier , <i>Ohio State University</i> , Dino Christenson , <i>Boston University</i> , and Jason Morgan , <i>Ohio State University</i> Discussant: Arturas Rozenas , <i>New York University</i>	Mahler
	"A Survey Instrument Design Approach to the Analysis of Texts" Justin H. Gross , Kelsey Shoub , Andrew Tyner , and Amy Sentementes <i>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i> Discussant: Scott Moser , <i>University of Texas</i>	KL
10:50	Break	Hill Atrium
11:10	<u>Session II</u> "Computer-Assisted Keyword & Document Set Discovery from Unstructured Text" Gary King , <i>Harvard University</i> , Patrick Lam , <i>IQSS, Harvard University</i> , and Margaret Roberts , <i>University of California, San Diego</i> Discussant: Burt Monroe , <i>Pennsylvania State University</i>	Mahler
	"Estimating Posttreatment Effect Modification with Generalized Structural Mean Models" Luke Keele , <i>Pennsylvania State University</i> Discussant: Neil Malhotra , <i>Stanford University</i>	KL
12:30pm	Lunch. 12:50 : Roundtable on Diversity within the Society, by Maya Sen (moderator), Emily Beaulieu, Janet Box-Steffensmeier, Justin Esarey, and Kevin Quinn.	Magnolia Ballroom
2:00	<u>Session III</u> "Design, Identification, and Sensitivity Analysis for Patient Preference Trials" Dean Knox , <i>MIT</i> , Teppei Yamamoto , <i>MIT</i> , Matthew A. Baum , <i>Harvard University</i> , and Adam Berinsky , <i>MIT</i> Discussant: David Nickerson , <i>University of Notre Dame</i>	Mahler
	"You're Going to Need a Bigger Model: Error Correction Methods with Political Time Series" Taylor Grant and Matthew Lebo , <i>Stony Brook University</i> Discussant: Neal Beck , <i>New York University</i>	KL
3:20	Break	Hill Atrium
3:40	<u>Session IV</u> "Bayesian Population Interpolation and Lasso-Based Target Selection in Survey Weighting" Devin Caughey and Mallory Wang , <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i> Discussant: James Honaker , <i>IQSS, Harvard University</i>	Mahler
	"Detecting Direct Effects and Assessing Alternative Mechanisms" Avidit Acharya , <i>Stanford University</i> , Matthew Blackwell , <i>Harvard University</i> , and Maya Sen , <i>Harvard University</i> Discussant: Allan Dafoe , <i>Yale University</i>	KL
5:00	Business Meeting	Mahler
6:00	Graduate Student Poster Session and Reception for All Registered Attendees	Hill Atrium/Pecan Tree Galleria
7:30	Adjourn. See website for dinner and nightlife suggestions. Informal gathering at 7:30 in the Hill Atrium to walk downtown with a group.	Hill Atrium

Friday, July 25

7:30am	Breakfast	Hill Atrium
<u>9:30</u>	<u>Session V</u>	
	“Towards a Data-Driven Voter Guide: Adapting Methods for Quantitatively Measuring Political Preferences to Help Voters Learn about Candidates”	Mahler
	Adam Bonica , <i>Stanford University</i>	
	Discussant: Arthur Spirling , <i>Harvard University</i>	
	“An Extreme-Scale Computational Approach to Redistricting Optimization”	KL
	Wendy K. Tam Cho , <i>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</i>	
	Discussant: Carlisle Rainey , <i>University at Buffalo (SUNY)</i>	
10:50	Break	Hill Atrium
<u>11:10</u>	<u>Session VI</u>	
	“Robust Nonparametric Confidence Intervals for Regression-Discontinuity Designs”	Mahler
	Rocío Titunik , <i>University of Michigan</i>	
	Discussant: Jeff Harden , <i>University of Colorado</i>	
	“Do Survey Experiments Capture Real-World Behavior? Evaluating the External Validity of Conjoint and Vignette Analysis”	KL
	Jens Hainmueller , <i>Stanford University</i> , Dominik Hangartner , <i>London School of Economics</i> , and Teppei Yamamoto , <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>	
	Discussant: Ryan Bakker , <i>University of Georgia</i>	
12:30pm	Lunch. 12:50 : Lunch discussion of <i>Political Analysis</i> , led by Neal Beck.	Magnolia Ballroom
2:00	Faculty Poster Session	Hill Atrium
<u>3:00</u>	<u>Session VII</u>	
	“A New Automated Redistricting Simulator Using Markov Chain Monte Carlo”	Mahler
	Benjamin Fifield , Michael Higgins , and Kosuke Imai , <i>Princeton University</i>	
	Discussant: Jowei Chen , <i>University of Michigan</i>	
	“Mirrors for the Princes and Sultans: Advice on the Art of Governance in the Medieval Christian and Islamic Worlds”	KL
	Justin Grimmer , <i>Stanford University</i>	
	Discussant: Hanna Wallach , <i>University of Massachusetts, Amherst</i>	
4:20	Break	Hill Atrium
<u>4:40</u>	<u>Session VIII</u>	
	“Why You Should (Usually) Post-Stratify on Sample Weights in Survey Experiments”	Mahler
	Luke Miratrix , <i>Harvard University</i> , Jasjeet Sekhon , <i>University of California, Berkeley</i> , and Alexander Theodoridis , <i>University of California, Merced</i>	
	Discussant: Christopher Fariss , <i>Pennsylvania State University</i>	
	“Publication Bias in Political Science: Using TESS Experiments to Unlock the File Drawer”	KL
	Neil Malhotra , <i>Stanford University</i>	
	Discussant: Maya Sen , <i>Harvard University</i>	
6:00	Dinner for All Registered Attendees	Magnolia Ballroom
8:00	Adjourn. See website for nightlife suggestions.	Hill Atrium
	Informal gathering at 8:00 in the Hill Atrium to walk downtown with a group.	

Saturday, July 26

7:30am	Breakfast	<i>Hill Atrium</i>
<u>9:30</u>	<u>Session IX</u>	
	“Positive Empirical Models of Election Fraud (That May Also Measure Voters’ Strategic Behavior)”	<i>Mahler</i>
	Walter Mebane, Naoki Egami, Joseph Klaver, and Jonathan Wall, University of Michigan	
	Discussant: Chris Warshaw, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	
	“Political Persuasion in the Field: Evidence from the 2012 Obama Re-election Campaign.”	<i>KL</i>
	David Nickerson, University of Notre Dame	
	Discussant: Rocío Titiunik, University of Michigan	
10:50	Break	<i>Hill Atrium</i>
<u>11:10</u>	<u>Session X</u>	
	““The Most Expensive Voter Mobilization Effort in American Politics?”: Bias in Turnout Estimate in the American National Election Studies”	<i>Mahler</i>
	Simon Jackman, Stanford University	
	Discussant: Robert Erikson, Columbia University	
	“A Sparse Decomposition of Democracy and Trade”	<i>KL</i>
	In Song Kim, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, John Londregan, Princeton University, and Marc Ratkovic, Princeton University	
	Discussant: Curtis Signorino, University of Rochester	
12:30pm	Lunch	<i>Dogwood Hall</i>

Graduate Student Posters (Thursday, 6:00pm)

Applications in American Institutional Research

Discussant: **Chris Kypriotis**, *Warren Wilson College*

1. "Venue Choice and Firm Influence in Regulatory Politics." **Ben Fifield**, *Princeton University*
2. "OIRA: The Other Edge of the Sword." **Janna Rezaee**, *University of California, Berkeley*
3. "Field of Forces: Strategic Interdependence in Legislative Behavior." **Emily Schilling**, *University of Iowa*
4. "A Hierarchical Latent Space Network Model for Judicial Citations." **Anton Strezhnev**, *Harvard University*
5. "Estimating Statutory Change in U.S. Legislation, 1977-2004." **Miranda Yaver**, *Columbia University*

Applications in Campaigns and Elections

Discussant: **Jason Windett**, *Saint Louis University*

6. "Polarization in Primary Electorates." **Rachel Bitecofer**, *University of Georgia*
7. "Voters Always Rally Round the Flag? Ex-ante War Costs, Psychological Bias, and Vote Choice." **Kiyoung Chang**, *University of Maryland*
8. "What Happens When Extremists Win Primaries?" **Andrew Hall**, *Harvard University*
9. "Ecological Inference with Vote-Share Data." **Dorothy Kronick**, *Stanford University*
10. "Political Dynasties as the Electoral Strategy of Parties: Evidence from India." **Carlos Velasco**, *Princeton University*

Applications in Comparative Politics

Discussant: **Santiago Olivella**, *University of Miami*

11. "Better to Stand Alone? Estimating Contamination Effects in the 2008 South Korean Parliamentary Election." **Shinhye Choi**, *University of California, Berkeley*
12. "The Effects of Candidate Attributes in Africa: A Fully-Randomized Conjoint Analysis for Facebook Users in Kenya and Uganda." **Hyesung Kim**, *University of Rochester*
13. "Do Political Shocks Increase Ritual Violence: Evidence from Medicine Murders in Lesotho and Witch-hunts in Scotland." **Parashar Kulkarni**, *New York University*
14. "The Latent Path Model for Dynamic Social Networks with an Application to Party Switching in Poland." **Jason Morgan**, *Ohio State University*
15. "Using the Predicted Responses from List Experiments as Explanatory Variables in Regression Models." **Bethany Park**, *Princeton University*

Bayesian Methods

Discussant: **Gaurav Sood**, *Stanford University*

16. "Bayesian Shrinkage for Dynamic Models: A Flexible Method to Handle Smooth and Sharp Changes in Parameters over Time." **Jeffrey Arnold**, *University of Rochester*
17. "Measuring Citizens' Ideological Perceptions of Candidates and Legislators." **Chris Hare**, *University of Georgia*
18. "The General Bayesian Approach for the Estimation of the Varying Choice Logistical Model." **Elena Labzina**, *Washington University in Saint Louis*
19. "National Human Rights Institutions: Domestic Implementation of International Law." **Ryan Welch**, *Florida State University*

Bayesian Multilevel Models

Discussant: **Xun Pang**, *Tsinghua University*

20. "Generating Executive Incentives: The Role of Domestic Politics in International Human Rights Court Effectiveness." **Jillienne Haglund**, *Florida State University*
21. "Understanding Immigrants' Political Participation: a Bayesian Multilevel Approach." **Brad Jones** and **Ruoxi Li**, *University of Wisconsin, Madison*
22. "Electoral Proximity and Constituent Evaluations of U.S. Senators: An Application of Multilevel Bayesian Models." **Joel Sievert**, *University of Georgia*
23. "A Multilevel Bayesian Measurement Model of Political Risk for FDI." **Jane Sumner**, *Emory University*

Causal Inference

Discussant: **Inés Levin**, *University of Georgia*

24. "Covariate Balancing Propensity Scores for Multi-Valued Treatment Regimes." **Christian Fong**, *Princeton University*
25. "Political Elites, Economic Interests, and Fiscal Capacity—The Development of Tax Revenue in 19th Century Prussia." **Florian Hollenbach**, *Duke University*
26. "Identifying Peer Effects under Homophily with an Instrumental Variable: Patronage and Promotions in the Chinese Bureaucracy." **Dean Knox**, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
27. "Three Approaches to Estimation and Statistical Tests for Nonlinear Difference-in-Differences Models." **Taeyong Park**, *Washington University in Saint Louis*
28. "Causal Mechanisms and Explanation: Does Opening the Black Box Help?" **Tess Wise**, *Harvard University*

Computational Research

Discussant: **Radhika Saksena**, *Princeton University*

29. "Spending Swept Under the Rug: Inferring Political Ideology of Ostensibly Non-partisan Organizations." **Drew Dimmery** and **Andrew Peterson**, *New York University*
30. "Data Mining as Exploratory Data Analysis." **Zachary Jones**, *Pennsylvania State University*
31. "Identifying Threats: Using Machine Learning in International Relations." **Azusa Katagiri** and **Eric Min**, *Stanford University*
32. "The Promise of Empirical Computational Models: An Application to Immigration Politics." **Yamil Velez**, *Stony Brook University*
33. "Do As We Do: Using Random Forests to Estimate the Determinants of International Cooperation." **Paul Zachary**, *University of California, San Diego*

Experimental Research

Discussant: **Emily Beaulieu**, *University of Kentucky*

34. "Direct Sports Competition and International Conflict: Evidence from a Randomized Natural Experiment." **Andrew Bertoli**, *University of California, Berkeley*, **Josh Kalla**, *University of California, Berkeley*, and **Baobao Zhang**, *Yale University*
35. "Who Informs on Their Neighbors in Civil Conflict: Evidence from Survey Experiments in Nigeria." **Graeme Blair**, *Princeton University*
36. "Public Goods, Real Taxes and Real Benefits." **Ethan Porter**, *University of Chicago*
37. "Measuring Pre-Treatment Effects in Experiments." **Kimberly Twist**, *University of California, Berkeley*
38. "Analyzing the Effects of Redistricting on Ideology in the Post-Wesberry Era." **Ryan Williamson**, *University of Georgia*

Improving Inferences

Discussant: **Natalie Jackson**, *Huffington Post/Pollster.com*

39. "Assessing the Impact of Systematic Measurement Error on Inference: Sensitivity Analysis Using Beliefs." **Max Gallop** and **Simon Weschle**, *Duke University*
40. "Improving Inferences with Count Outcomes." **Benjamin Kassow**, *Georgia State University*, **Monica Lineberger**, *University of South Carolina*, and **Ali Masood**, *University of South Carolina*
41. "Set-Theoretic Comparative Methods and the Recovery of Data-Generating Processes." **Christopher Krogslund**, *University of California, Berkeley*
42. "Revisiting Hypothesis Testing in the Presence of Multicollinearity." **Richard Morgan** and **Andrew Pierce**, *Emory University*
43. "Improving Transparency and Reliability in Cross-National Analyses." **Jack Paine**, *University of California, Berkeley*

Network Analysis

Discussant: **Justin Kirkland**, *University of Houston*

44. "A Leaderless Movement? Social Networks in the Tea Party." **Rachel Blum**, *Georgetown University*
45. "Policy Collaboration Networks in the House of Representatives." **Alison Craig**, *Ohio State University*
46. "Google Correlations: New Approaches to Collecting Data for Statistical Network Analysis." **Paasha Mahdavi**, *University of California, Los Angeles*
47. "Latino Influence in the House of Representatives: A Social Network Approach." **Lisa Pringle**, *Claremont Graduate University*
48. "Uncovering Common Latent Space from Large Multiple Networks Using Spectral Approach." **Yunkyu Sohn**, *University of California, San Diego*

Text Analysis

Discussant: **Ellen M. Key**, *Appalachian State University*

49. "Exploring the Communicative Environment between Local Elites and Citizens Using a Crossed Random Effects Model." **Bai Linh Hoang**, *University of Michigan*
50. "Estimating The Partisan Bias of Survey Questions Using Congressional Texts." **Aaron Kaufman**, *Harvard University*
51. "North Korea, In Their Own Words: Measuring Foreign Policy Preference Using Text As Data." **John Seungmin Kuk** and **D. Inbok Rhee**, *University of California, San Diego*
52. "Methods for Extremely Large Scale Media Experiments and Observational Studies." **Gary King**, **Benjamin Schneer**, and **Ariel White**, *Harvard University*
53. "Power in Language: A Grammar-Based Approach for Measuring Delegation of Authority." **Robert Shaffer**, *University of Texas*

Time-Referenced Data

Discussant: **Patrick Brandt**, *University of Texas, Dallas*

54. "Flocking Together or Flying Apart? Social Media and the Comparative Dynamics of Mass Political Polarization." **Pablo Barberá**, *New York University*
55. "Best of All Plausible Worlds? Checking Robustness of Time-Series Cross-Sectional Models with Fictitious Plausible Alternate Treatments." **Evangeline Reynolds**, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*
56. "The Dynamic Battle for Pieces of Pie: Modeling Party Support in Multi-Party Nations." **Andrew Philips** and **Amanda Rutherford**, *Texas A&M University*
57. "Generalized Synthetic Control Method for Causal Inference in Time-Series Cross-Section Data." **Yiqing Xu**, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

Faculty Posters (Friday, 2:00pm)

1. "Evaluating the Robustness of Item Count Technique Estimators under Random and Non-Random Measurement Error." **John Ahlquist**, *University of Wisconsin*
2. "Estimating Survival Probabilities When Event-Failure is Imperfectly Detected." **Benjamin Bagozzi**, *University of Minnesota*
3. "Verified Bayesian Computation and Alternatives for Inference in Complex Models." **Bryce Corrigan**, *Cornell University*
4. "Social Networks and Protest Diffusion During the East German Revolution." **Charles Crabtree**, *Pennsylvania State University*, **Christopher Fariss**, *Pennsylvania State University*, and **Holger Kern**, *Florida State University*
5. "Confounding in Survey Experiments." **Allan Dafoe** and **Baobao Zhang**, *Yale University*
6. "The Bias and Efficiency of Internal Local Government Communication Patterns." **Bruce Desmarais**, **Matthew Denny**, and **Hanna Wallach**, *University of Massachusetts, Amherst*
7. "Creating Instrumental Variables from Interaction of Non-instrumental Variables." **Justin Esarey**, *Rice University*
8. "You Lie! Patterns of Partisan Taunting in the U.S. Senate." **Justin Grimmer**, *Stanford University*, **Gary King**, *Harvard University*, and **Chiara Superti**, *Harvard University*
9. "The Hazards of Hazard Ratios: Generating Expected Durations from the Cox Proportional Hazards Model." **Jeff Harden**, *University of Colorado, Boulder* and **Jonathan Kropko**, *University of Virginia*
10. "The Benefits of Sampling Clusters with Probability Proportional to Size in Cluster-Randomized Experiments." **Michael Higgins**, *Princeton University*
11. "Scalable Clustering Algorithm and Visualization Tools for Analyzing 10 Billion Trade Flow Data." **Kosuke Imai**, *Princeton University*, **In Song Kim**, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, and **Radhika Saksena**, *Princeton University*
12. "Companion Bill Introductions as Signaling Devices: The Logic of Cross-Chamber Congressional Collaboration." **Justin Kirkland**, *University of Houston*, and **Mary Kroeger**, *Princeton University*
13. "Modeling Preferences Using Legislative Voting in the Presence of Missing Data." **Scott Moser**, *University of Texas*
14. "Varying Responses to Common Shocks and Complex Cross-Sectional Dependence: Dynamic Multilevel Modeling with Multifactor Error Structures for Time-Series Cross-Sectional Data." **Xun Pang**, *Tsinghua University*
15. "Compression and Conditional Effects." **Carlisle Rainey**, *University at Buffalo (SUNY)*
16. "Strengthening Weak Instruments through Identifying Compliers: Complier Instrumental Variable Estimation." **Marc Ratkovic** and **Yuki Shiraito**, *Princeton University*
17. "Validating Data on the Search for Political Information: What Search Behavior Reveals about Attention, Agenda Setting, and Participation." **Jesse Richman**, *Old Dominion University*
18. "Increasing Legislative Agreement: The California Top Two Primary." **Andrew Sinclair**, *Claremont McKenna College*
19. "What the Big Picture Reveals About Governments: Scalable Text Analysis of Millions of Newspapers in China." **Margaret Roberts**, *University of California, San Diego* and **Brandon Stewart**, *Harvard University*
20. "Topical Slant: Estimating Agenda Bias, and Ideological Slant by Topic in News." **Gaurav Sood**, *Stanford University*



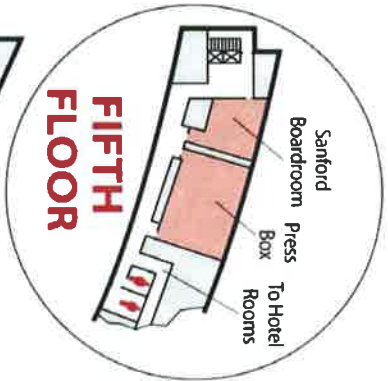
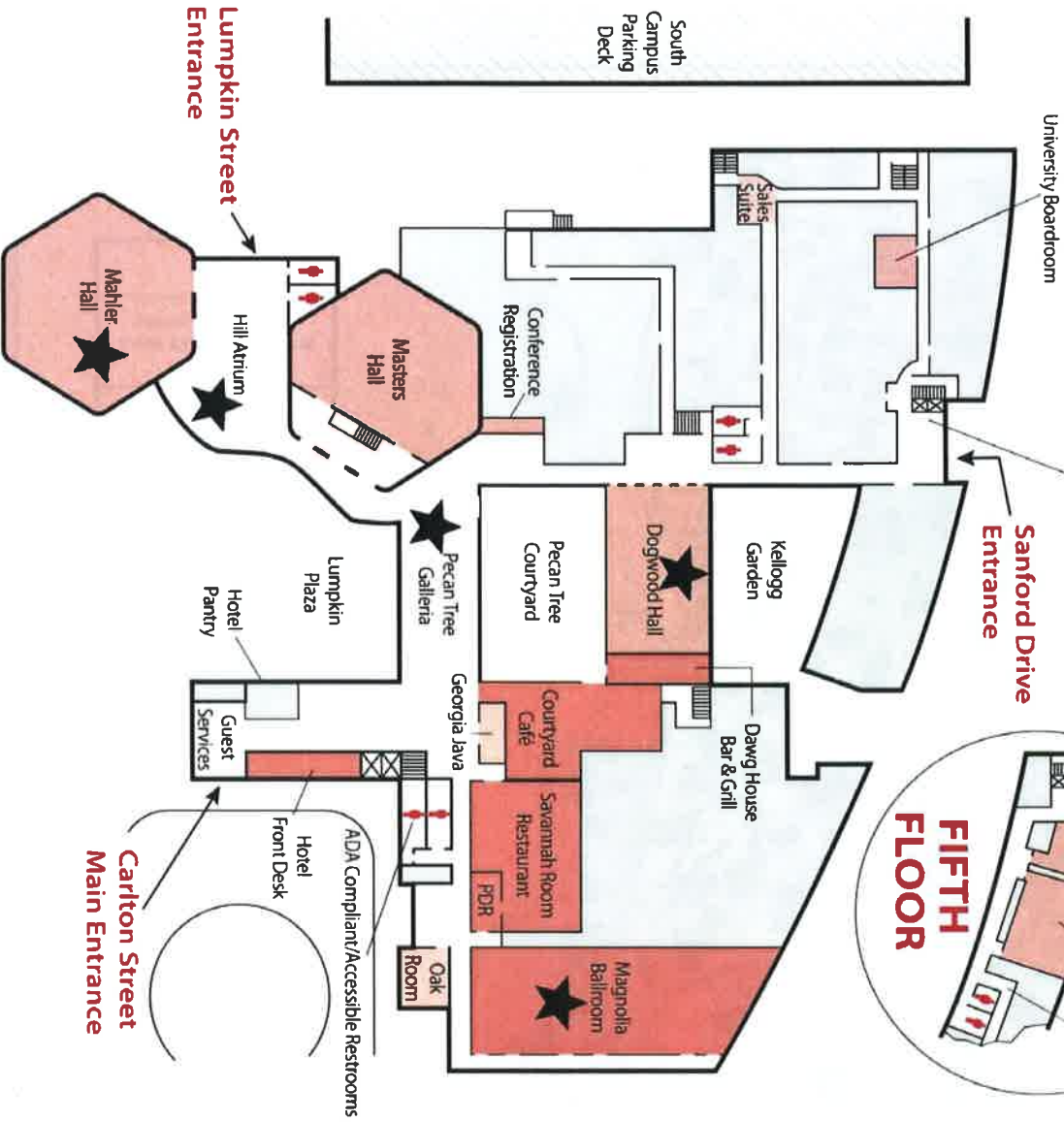
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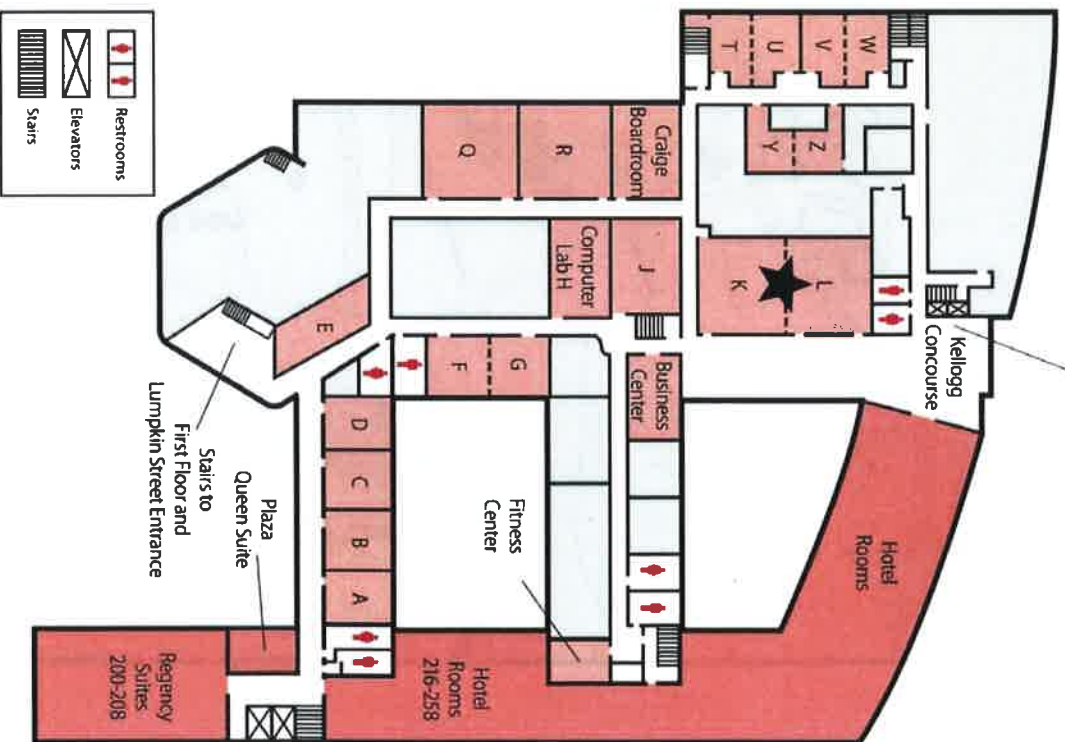
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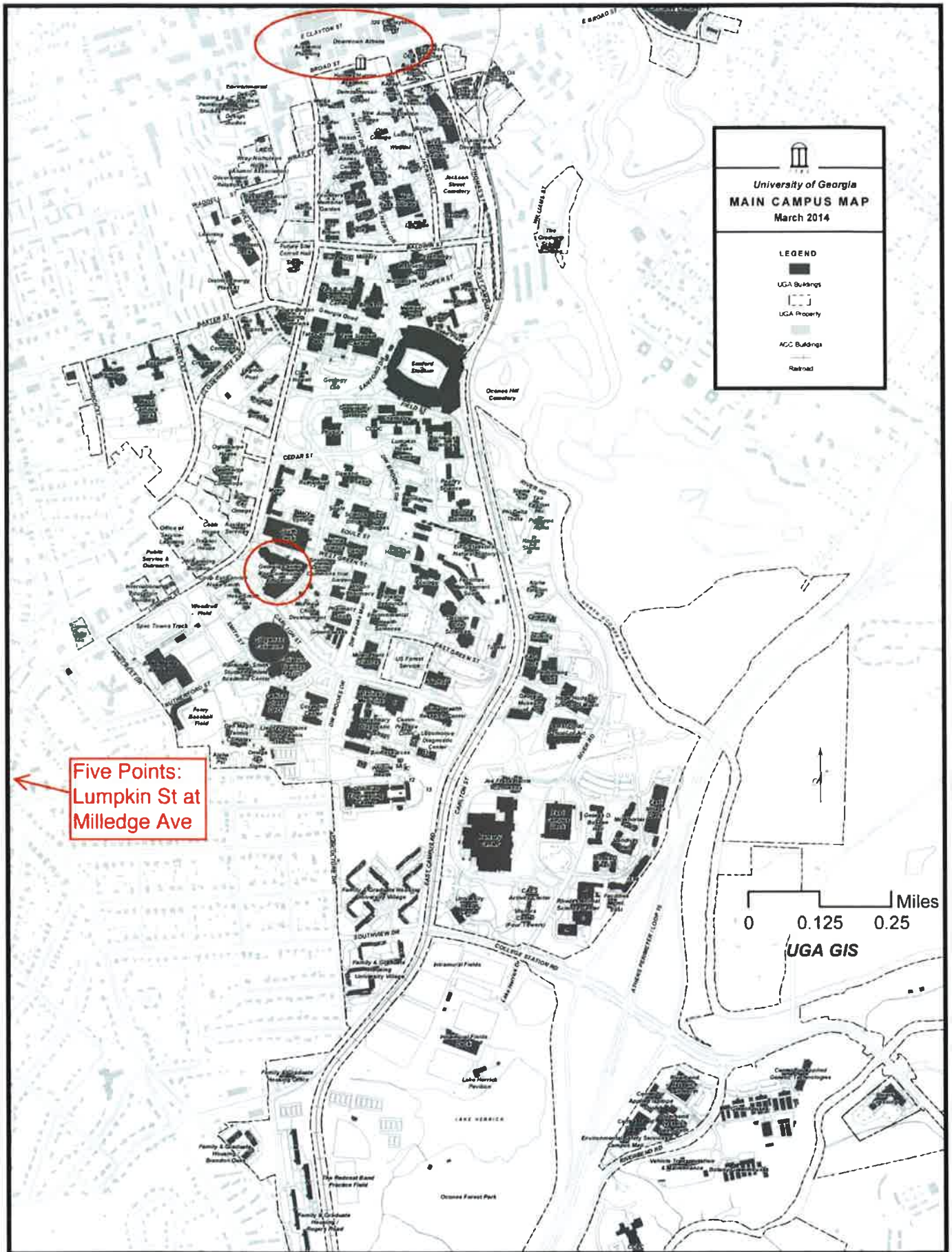
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



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