

Third Year Paper Proposal Form

This form should be completed and submitted to Colleen Skaggs in Seigle 207 by January 31st of your second year.

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Title of Paper:

Bureaucratic Impermanence: How, When, and Why the Central
Institutions of Local Government Choose Self-Termination

Brief Abstract:

Research on the bureaucracy of the federal government in the United
States finds that specific institutions have varying life spans, a notion
called *bureaucratic impermanence*. However, this literature does not
consider the possibility that the central instruction of government itself
is subject to possible self-termination: under what circumstances might
the central unit of government be disbanded entirely? Turning to the
scale of local and city politics, I consider the case of *voluntary*
municipal disincorporation, wherein people choose to dissolve the
central institution of local government. Drawing on theory from
municipal legal scholarship, I catalogue how, when, and why municipal
disincorporation occurs. Findings TBA.

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