The organized sections unite APSA members who share common interests, providing networks to organize meetings and coordinate communications under association auspices. Also, sections offer outlets for research and opportunities for scholarship. They have become a vital part of the association by sponsoring panels at the Annual Meeting, producing informative newsletters, and recognizing the scholarly achievements of their members. Listed in the following pages is the update for the Organized Sections 2017–2018. For recent changes or corrections to this update and for contact information, visit apsanet.org.

**SECTION 1: FEDERALISM & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

*Formed: 1983 / Dues: $25 for students and $25 for all other members*

The purpose of this section is to plan, develop, and implement professional activities for association members with interests in federalism, intergovernmental relations, and state and local government.

**Website:** apsanet.org/section1

**Chair:** Andrew Karch, University of Minnesota

**Secretary:** Michael Hail, Morehead State University

**Treasurer:** Michael Hail, Morehead State University

**Editor:** *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* John Dinan, Wake Forest University

**2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair:** Philip Rocco, Marquette University

**Executive Council:** Paul Manna, College of William and Mary; Jennifer Wolak, University of Colorado; Charles Hankla, Georgia State University; Jeremy Hall, University of Central Florida; Duane Milne, West Chester University; David Robertson, University of Missouri at St. Louis; Mona Vakilifathi, New York University; Paul Nolette, Marquette University; Srinivas Paronandi, University of Colorado

**Martha Derthick Best Book Award**

Conferred for the best book on federalism and intergovernmental relations published at least 10 years ago that has made a lasting contribution to the study of federalism and intergovernmental relations.

**Nominations due:** March 1, 2018

**Award Committee:** Paul Nolette, Chair, Marquette University; Bary Rabe, University of Michigan; Maria Escobar-Lemmon

**Deil S. Wright Best Paper Award**

Conferred for the best paper in the field of federalism and intergovernmental relations presented at the previous year's APSA Annual Meeting.

**Nominations due:** November 1, 2017

**Award Committee:** Charles Hankla, Georgia State University; Mona Vakilifathi, New York University; Jason Sorens, Dartmouth University

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Daniel Elazar Distinguished Scholar Award
Recognizes distinguished scholarly contributions to the study of federalism and intergovernmental relations.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Jennifer Wolak, Chair, University of Colorado; Craig Volden, University of Virginia; Gary Marks, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

John Kincaid Award
Conferred on the author(s) of the best article published in *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* in the previous year.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Srinivas Parinandi, University of Colorado; Duane Milne, West Chester University; Vladimir Kogan, The Ohio State University

SECTION 2: LAW AND COURTS
Formed: 1983 / Dues: $25 for student members and $30 for all other members

The purpose of this section is to promote interest in teaching and research in the areas of law and the judicial process.

Website: lawcourts.org

Chair: Isaac Unah, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Chair-Elect: Julie Novkov, SUNY Albany

Secretary: Christina Boyd, University of Georgia

Treasurer: Sara Benesh, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

Editor: *Journal of Law and Courts*: Kevin McGuire, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Editor: *Law and Courts Newsletter*: Amanda Bryan, Loyola University

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Joe Ura, Texas A&M University

Executive Council: Virginia Hettinger, University of Connecticut; Lydia Tiede, University of Houston; Nancy Scherer, Wellesley College; Bethany Blackstone, University of North Texas; Brandon Bartels, George Washington University

Best Graduate Student Paper Award
This award (formerly the CQ Press Award) is given annually for the best paper in the field of law and courts written by a graduate student. To be eligible, the nominated paper must have been written by a full-time graduate student. Single- and co-authored papers are eligible. In the case of co-authored papers, each author must have been a full-time graduate student at the time the paper was written. Submitted papers may have been written for any purpose (including papers written for seminar, scholarly meetings, and for potential publication in academic journals). This is not, however, a dissertation or thesis prize. Papers may be nominated by faculty members or by the students themselves. The papers must have been written during the 12 months previous to the nomination deadline.

Nominations due: March 15, 2018

Award Committee: Jeff Yates, SUNY Binghampton University; Bethany Blackstone, University of North Texas; Deborah Beim, Yale University; Rebecca Hamlin, University of Massachusetts at Amherst; Maxwell Mak, CUNY John Jay

Teaching and Mentoring Award
The Teaching and Mentoring Award recognizes innovative teaching and instructional materials in law and courts. Examples of innovations that might be recognized by this award include (but are not limited to) outstanding textbooks, websites, classroom exercises, syllabi, or other devices designed to enhance the transmission of knowledge about law and courts to undergraduate or graduate students. Any member of the section may make a nomination for the Teaching and Mentoring Award by submitting a statement identifying the nominee and outlining the nature of her or his innovation and the contribution it makes to achieving the purposes of the award (e-mail attachments, in the form of .pdf files, are acceptable). The Teaching and Mentoring Award is supported by a generous contribution from the Division for Public Education of the American Bar Association.

Nominations due: March 15, 2018

Award Committee: Rebecca Gill, University of Nevada at Las Vegas; Ali Masood, California State University, Fresno; Salmon Shomade, University of New Orleans; Chad Westerland, University of Arizona; Michael Zilis, University of Kentucky

Law and Courts Service Award
The Law and Courts Service Award recognizes service to the section in the literal sense, as in service on committees and in leadership positions, as well as service within the section, as in service to the profession within the field of law and courts in the form of archiving data, promoting infrastructure, representing the profession in the media, etc.

Nominations due: March 15, 2018

Award Committee: Richard Pacelle, University of Tennessee; Todd Collins, Western Carolina University; Greg Goelzhauser, Utah State University; Gbemende Johnson, Hamilton College; Terri Peretti, Santa Clara University

Best Conference Paper Award
The Law and Courts Best Conference Paper Award (formerly the American Judicature Society Award) is given annually for the best paper on law and courts presented at the previous year's annual meetings of the American, International, or regional political science associations. Single and coauthored papers, written by political scientists, are eligible. Papers may be nominated by any member of the section.

Nominations due: March 15, 2018

Award Committee: Richard Pacelle, University of Tennessee; Todd Collins, Western Carolina University; Greg Goelzhauser, Utah State University; Gbemende Johnson, Hamilton College; Terri Peretti, Santa Clara University

Best Journal Article Award
This award recognizes the best journal article in the field of law and courts written by a political scientist and published during the previous calendar year (for this award cycle, this means articles published during the 2017 calendar year). Articles published in all refereed journals and in law reviews are eligible, but book reviews, review essays, and chapters published in edited volumes are not eligible. Journal editors and members of the section may nominate articles.

Nominations due: March 15, 2018

Award Committee: Valerie Hoekstra, Arizona State University; Michael Fix, Georgia State University; Eileen Braman, Indiana University; Banks Miller, University of Texas at Dallas; John Patty, University of Chicago
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Award Committee: Chris Zorn, Penn State University; Lydia Brasher Tiede, University of Houston; Tom Clark, Emory University; Rachel Hinkle, SUNY Buffalo; Mitch Pickerill, Northern Illinois University

C. Herman Pritchett Award for Best Book
The C. Herman Pritchett award is given annually for the best book on law and courts written by a political scientist and published the previous year (2017). Please note that case books and edited books are not eligible for consideration. Books may be nominated by publishers or by members of the section.

Nominations due: March 15, 2018

Award Committee: Ryan Black, Chair, Michigan State University; Drew Lanier, University of Central Florida; Ezequiel Gonzalez-Octanos, Oxford University; Alicia Uribe-McGuire, University of Illinois; Michael Nelson, Penn State University

Law and Courts Lasting Contribution Award
Awarded annually to a book or journal article, 10 years old or older, that has made a lasting impression on the field of law and courts. Only books and articles written by political scientists are eligible; single-authored works produced by winners of the Lifetime Achievement Award are not eligible. Any member of the section may submit a nomination. The nomination should include a statement outlining the nature of the contribution of the nominated work.

Nominations due: March 15, 2018

Award Committee: Robert M. Howard, Chair, Georgia State University; Shenita Brazelton, Old Dominion University; Brett Curry, Georgia Southern University; Virginia Hettinger, University of Connecticut; Claire Wofford, College of Charleston

Law and Courts Lifetime Achievement Award
Given for a lifetime of significant scholarship, teaching and service to the Law and Courts field. Nominees must be political scientists who are at least 65 years of age or who have been active in the field for at least 25 years. Nominations from previous competitions will be carried forward to the current year’s competition. The committee will retain nominations for three years, but you are invited to re-nominate an individual and renew the materials in the file during each cycle. Nominations may be made by any member of the section and should consist of a statement outlining the contributions of the nominee and, if possible, a copy of the nominee’s vitae. Nominations should be submitted to the chair of the selection committee.

Nominations due: March 15, 2018

Award Committee: Melinda Gann-Hall, Chair, Michigan State University; Teneisha Means, Vassar College; Tim Johnson, University of Minnesota; Amy Steigerwalt, Georgia State University; Paul Wahlbeck, George Washington University

SECTION 3: LEGISLATIVE STUDIES
Formed: 1983 / Dues: $33 for professional members for both hard copy and electronic access to LSQ; $23 for professional members with electronic-only access only to LSQ; $3 for student members, electronic-only access to LSQ

The purpose of this section is to provide members with an interest in legislative processes, behavior, and representation opportunities to meet and exchange ideas.

Website: legislativestudies.org

Chairs: Wendy J. Schiller, Brown University
Secretary: James Curry, University of Utah
Treasurer: James Curry, University of Utah
Editor: Legislative Studies Quarterly: Brian Crisp, Washington University in St. Louis

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chairs: José Antonio Cheibub, Texas A&M University and Alan Wiseman, Vanderbilt University

Executive Council: Leslie Schwindt-Bayer, Rice University and Sebastian Saiegh, University of California at San Diego

Alan Rosenthal Prize
In the spirit of Alan Rosenthal’s work, this prize is dedicated to encouraging young scholars to study questions that are of importance to legislators and legislative staff and to conduct research that has the potential application to strengthening the practice of representative democracy. Topics may be national or subnational in focus and apply to any country. Preference will be given to comparative legislative research among legislatures in the same country of across countries. The prize is funded by the Trust for Representative Democracy of the National Conference of State Legislature and the State Legislative Leaders Foundation. The book or article must be published in the previous calendar year and authored by scholars below the rank of associate professor or legislative practitioners at equivalent career stage. In the case of books or articles by multiple authors, the work is eligible for the award if at least one author is below the rank of associate professor. Nominations for award may be done by anyone, including authors, publishers, departments or practitioners. Please send cover letter and copy of work to each member of prize committee.

Nominations Due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Tiffany D. Barnes, Chair, University of Kentucky; Amanda Driscoll, Florida State University; Nathaniel Birkhead, Kansas State University

Carl Albert Dissertation Award
The Carl Albert Dissertation Award is given annually for the best dissertation in legislative studies. Topics may be national or subnational in focus—on Congress, parliaments, state legislatures, or other representative bodies. The prize is funded by the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma. In addition to the cash prize associated with the award, winners are typically invited to guest lecture on the OU campus with travel expenses paid by the Carl Albert Center. Dissertations must have a copyright date of one or two years previous to the year in which the award is presented. Terms for submitting dissertation: (1) one copy sent to each member of the committee; (2) no more than one submission per PhD-granting department; (3) letter form the department indicating the selection; and (4) a letter from the dissertation chair, or other appropriate committee member, describing the significance of the work.

Nominations Due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Michelle Whyman, Chair, Duke University; Anthony Madonna, University of Georgia; Jason Casellas, University of Houston

CQ Press Award
For the best paper on legislative studies presented at the previous year’s (2017) APSA Annual Meeting.
Nominations Due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Stuart Soroka, Chair, University of Michigan; Sebastian Seighe, University of California, San Diego; Wendy Schiller, Brown University

Jewell-Loewenberg Paper Award
The Jewell-Loewenberg Paper Award is for the best article in Legislative Studies Quarterly in the previous year. All articles published in LSQ in the previous year (2017) are under consideration.

Nominations Due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Doug Ahler, Chair, Florida State University; Sharece Thrower, Vanderbilt University; Gisela Sin, University of Illinois

Richard F. Fenno, Jr. Prize
The Richard F. Fenno, Jr. Prize is awarded to the best book in legislative studies published in the previous year. In the tradition of Professor Fenno's work, this prize is designed to honor work that is both theoretically and empirically strong. Moreover, this prize is dedicated to encouraging scholars to pursue new and different avenues of research in order to find answers to previously unexplored questions about the nature of politics. Nominations must have a copyright date of the year prior to that in which the award is given, and a copy of the book must be sent to each member of the committee.

Nominations Due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Douglas L. Kriner, Boston University; Rebecca Thorpe, University of Washington; William Bianco, Indiana University

Barbara Sinclair Legacy Award
The Barbara Sinclair Legacy Award is designed to honor the work of a scholar or set of scholars who have contributed a lifetime of significant scholarship to the study of legislative politics. In the tradition of Professor Sinclair's body of work, recipients of this award will have focused on individual legislative behavior, institutional rules, or the role of party in shaping legislative politics. This award is also intended to recognize scholars who employ a range of methods in their research. Nominations can be made by any member of the section.

Nominations Due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Gregory Koger, Chair, University of Miami; Sarah Binder, George Washington University; Lynda Powell, University of Rochester

Emerging Scholar Award
The Emerging Scholar award is designed to recognize a scholar who is no more than six years from the year of their PhD who has informed the study of legislative politics through innovative and rigorous scholarship. The recipient of this award will be an individual who has a strong early career publication trajectory, and has presented their work actively at conferences and other public venues. Letters of nomination for this award should be sent to the committee along with the candidate's most recent CV.

Nominations Due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Laurel Herbridge, Chair, Northwestern University; Leslie Schwindt-Bayer, Rice University; Michael Crespin, University of Oklahoma

SECTION 4: PUBLIC POLICY
Formed: 1983 / Dues: $15 for students and professional members

The Organized Section on Public Policy is committed to producing rigorous empirical and theoretical knowledge of the processes and products of governing and the application of that knowledge to critical policy issues.

Website: connect.apsanet.org/s4/
Chair: Eric M. Patashnik, Brown University
Chair Elect: Sarah Anzia, University of California, Berkeley
Secretary: Laura Evans, University of Washington
Treasurer: Laura Evans, University of Washington

Editor: Policy Studies Journal: Edella Schlager, University of Arizona

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Sarah Anzia, University of California, Berkeley

Executive Council: Daniel Gillion, University of Pennsylvania; Lina Newton, CUNY Hunter College; Tim LaPira, James Madison University; Alexandra Filindra, University of Illinois, Chicago; Kristin Goss, Duke University; Joe Soss, University of Minnesota; Dara Strolovitch, Princeton University; Rick Valelly, Swarthmore College; Karen Jusko, Stanford University; Kenneth Wong, Brown University

Aaron Wildavsky Enduring Contribution Award
The Aaron Wildavsky Enduring Contribution Award is given for the best book or article published in the general area of public policy during the past twenty plus years. The book or article should have had a major impact on the field. This award carries a prize of $500.

Nominations deadline: March 15, 2018

Award Committee: Kenneth Wong, Brown University; Joseph White, Case Western; John Willkerson, University of Washington

Best Paper on Public Policy Award
The Best Paper on Public Policy Award recognizes a paper on Public Policy given at the previous APSA Annual Meeting. This award carries a prize of $500.

Nominations deadline: March 15, 2018

Award Committee: Paul Quirk, Chair, University of British Columbia; Molly Reynolds, Brookings Institution; Jennifer Clark, University of Houston

Best Poster on Public Policy
The Best Poster on Public Policy Award recognizes the best poster presented at the poster session at the previous APSA Annual Meeting. This award carries a $500 prize.

Nominations deadline: December 15, 2017

Award Committee: Brenda Bushouse, Chair, University of Massachusetts; Paul Testa, Brown University; Christopher Warshaw, George Washington University

Best Comparative Policy Paper Award
The Best Comparative Policy Paper Award recognizes a paper presented at the APSA Annual Conference which is of particular distinction in the area of comparative public policy. It is granted in collaboration with and sponsored by the International Comparative Policy Analysis Forum and the Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis. Following nomination or self-nomination the paper...
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is reviewed by a joint APSA/JCPA adjudication committee. The winning author(s) are awarded the JCPA Best Comparative Paper Award. This award carries a prize of $500. The author is invited to submit the paper for publication consideration in the JCPA.

Nominations due: March 15, 2018

Award Committee: Lindsay Flynn, Wheaton College; Pavithra Suryanarayan, Johns Hopkins University; Sofia Perez, Boston University

Theodore J. Lowi Policy Studies Journal Best Article Award
The Theodore J. Lowi Policy Studies Journal Best Article Award is given to recognize an article of particular distinction published at any time in Policy Studies Journal. This award carries a prize of $500.

Nominations due: March 15, 2018

Award Committee: Craig Thomas, University of Washington; Lilliard Richardson, Indiana University; Mona Vakilifathi, New York University

Excellence in Mentoring Award
The Excellence in Mentoring Award has been established to recognize sustained efforts by a senior scholar to encourage and facilitate the career of emerging political scientists in the field of public policy. This award carries a $500 prize.

Nominations Due: TBA

Award Committee: Alan Jacobs, University of British Columbia; Karen Jusko, Stanford University; James Savage, University of Virginia

SECTION 5: POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PARTIES
Formed: 1983 / Dues: $5 for students and $15 for all other members

The Organized Section on Political Organizations and Parties works to further scholarship on American political parties, comparative political parties, and interest groups. We do this in a number of different ways. Through our workshops, newsletter, and website, we provide a means of interaction and communication for like-minded scholars. At our annual workshop at the American Political Science Association conference we work to train scholars in the use of various methods or databases, or to promote new research in a particular area. Our participation through the sections mechanism of the American Political Science Association allows us to be a voice for our members’ interests within APSA. We also organize the panels in our subfields for the annual APSA conference. Finally we recognize excellence in scholarship with our awards for best book, best article, best APSA paper, career achievement, and emerging scholar. We are governed through the sections mechanism of the American Political Science Association allows us to be a voice for our members' interests.

Website: apsanet.org/section5

Chair: Amy McKay, University of Exeter
Secretary: Hans Noel, Georgetown University
Treasurer: Bruce Larson, Gettysburg College

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chairs: Dan Shea, Colby College and David Kimball, University of Missouri St. Louis

Executive Council: Anika Gauja, University of Sydney; Katie Marchetti, Dickinson College; Christina Wolbrecht, University of Notre Dame; Seth Maskef, University of Denver; Noam Lupu, Vanderbilt University; Michael Heaney, University of Michigan; Heath Brown, CUNY John Jay; Diana Dwyer, California State University, Chico

Samuel Eldersveld Career Achievement Award
Recognizes a scholar whose lifetime professional work has made an outstanding contribution to the field.

Nominations due: April 30, 2018

Leon Epstein Outstanding Book Award
Recognizes a book published in the last two calendar years that made an outstanding contribution to research and scholarship on political organizations and parties.

Nominations due: April 30, 2018

POP Best APSA Paper Award
Recognizes the best paper delivered on a Political Organizations and Parties-sponsored panel at the preceding APSA annual meeting.

Nominations due: April 30, 2018

Jack Walker Award
Recognizes an article published in the last two calendar years that makes an outstanding contribution to research and scholarship on political organizations and parties.

Nominations due: April 30, 2018

Emerging Scholars Award
Given to a scholar who has received his or her PhD within the last five years and whose career to date demonstrates unusual promise.

Nominations due: April 30, 2018

SECTION 6: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Formed: 1983 / Dues: $8 for students and professional members

The purpose of this section is to provide an arena in which individuals interested in public administration may exchange ideas, enhance their professional development, and act to ensure that activities of the APSA encompass their interests.

Website: apsanet.org/section6

Chair: Manuel P. Teodoro, Texas A&M University
Chair-Elect: Kelly LeRoux, University of Illinois-Chicago
Treasurer: Gene Brewer, University of Georgia

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Scott Robinson, University of Oklahoma

Executive Council: Amanda Rutherford, Indiana University; Sergio Fernandez, Indiana University; Ling Zhu, University of Houston; Karen Mossberger, Arizona State University; Daniel Hawes, Kent State University; Julie Dolan, Macalester College; Jill Nicholson-Crotty, Indiana University; Jessica Terman, George Mason University

Herbert Kaufman Award
The Herbert Kaufman Committee will select the best paper presented on a panel sponsored (or co-sponsored) by the Public Administration section at the APSA Annual Meeting each year. The section will follow APSA’s guidance on what constitutes a “presented paper”—papers that were uploaded to the APSA conference paper site, hosted by SSRN, or posted/presented in a virtual or alternative form are eligible for the Kaufman award.

Nominations due: April 30, 2018

Nominations due: April 30, 2018

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Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Morgen Johansen, Chair, University of Hawai’i; Gwen Arnold, University of California, Davis; Andy Whitford, University of Georgia

**Herbert A. Simon Book Award**
The Herbert A. Simon Book Award is given for significant contributions to public administration scholarship. Books with publication dates of 2015, 2016, and 2017 are eligible for the 2018 award. The books orientation may be qualitative, quantitative, empirical, interpretive, ethnographic, historical, archival, normative, or theoretical. However, textbooks, revised editions of previously published books, and edited volumes are not eligible.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

**Volcker Junior Scholar Research Grant**
The APSA Organized Section for Public Administration invites applications and research proposals from junior scholars researching public administration issues affecting governance in the United States and abroad. Proposals will be judged on their potential to shed new light on important public administration questions, their scholarly and methodological rigor, and their promise for advancing practice and theory development. Individual grants are not renewable.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

**Award Committee:** John Patty, Chair, University of Chicago; Daniel Hawes, Kent State University; Sharece Thrower, Vanderbilt University

**SECTION 7: CONFLICT PROCESSES**
Formed: 1984 / Dues: $8 for students and $15 for all other members

The purpose of this section is to be a forum for the study of any and all forms of political conflict both within and between nation-states.

Website: apsanet.org/section7

**Chair:** Michaela Mattes, University of California, Berkeley

**Treasurer:** Katja Kleinberg, Binghamton University

**2018 Annual Meeting Program Chairs:** Matthew Fuhrmann, Texas A&M University and Emily Hencken Ritter, University of California, Merced

**Executive Council:** Paul Poast, University of Chicago; Krista Wiegand, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Govinda Clayton, ETH Zurich; Molly Melin, Loyola University Chicago

**Best Paper Award**
This award is given annually for the best paper written by one or more untenured scholars (graduate students, post-docs, or faculty) and presented as part of a conflict processes sponsored panel or poster session at the previous annual meeting. Papers are eligible only if all authors are untenured at the time the paper is presented. Nominations must be made by a member of the Conflict Processes section; self-nominations are encouraged.

Nominations due: October 15, 2017

**Award Committee:** Krista Wiegand, Chair, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Neil Narang, University of California, Santa Barbara; Daina Chiba, University of Essex

**Best Book Award**
Given every two years for the book making the most outstanding contributions to the study of any and all forms of political conflict, either within or between nation-states, published in the two calendar years prior to the year in which the award is given. Edited volumes and textbooks are not eligible for the award. Nominations must be made by a member of the Conflict Processes section; self-nominations are encouraged. Nominations should be submitted to the committee chair, and a copy of the book should be sent to each member of the award committee.

Nominations due: March 15, 2018

**Award Committee:** Scott Straus, Chair, University of Wisconsin – Madison; Sarah Croco, University of Maryland, College Park; Scott Wolford, University of Texas at Austin

**SECTION 8: REPRESENTATION AND ELECTORAL SYSTEMS**
Formed: 1984 / Dues: $0 for students and $10 for all other members

The purpose of this section is to promote teaching and research in the areas of representation and electoral systems, and to encourage communication among persons interested in these fields within the association and with related disciplines.

Website: apsanet.org/section8

**Chair:** Melody E. Valdini, Portland State University

**Treasurer:** Erik Herron, West Virginia University

**2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair:** Miki Kittilson, Arizona State University

**Executive Council:** Karen Jusko, Stanford University; Jose Antonio Cheibub, Texas A&M University; Bonnie Meguid, University of Rochester; Jessica Trounstine, University of California, Merced; Zeynep Somer-Topcu, University of Texas at Austin; Todd Donovan, Western Washington University

**SECTION 9: PRESIDENTS AND EXECUTIVE POLITICS**
Formed: 1985 / Dues: $0 for students and $10 for professional members

Presidents & Executive Politics (PEP) of APSA is the premier association of scholars devoted to the study of the presidency and executives (formerly known as the Presidency Research Group). To that end, it welcomes diverse theoretical perspectives, analytical techniques, and data sources as they contribute to the advancement of scholarship and teaching. It also invites the contributions and perspectives of other disciplines. PEP values the establishment and enhancement of non-partisan links between scholarship, the real world of presidential and executive politics, and public policy.

Website: connect.apsanet.org/s9/

**Chair:** George Krause, University of Georgia

**Vice Chair:** Diane Heith, St. John’s University

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Daniel Ponder, Drury University

**2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair:** Nicole Mellow, Williams College

**Executive Council:** William Howell, University of Chicago; Matthew Beckman, University of California, Irvine; Julia Azari,
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Marquette University; Dan Gillion, University of Pennsylvania; Magna Incio, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais; Scott Mainwaring, Harvard University; Rachel Potter, University of Virginia; Jon Rogowski, Harvard University; Andrew Rudalevige, Bowdoin College; Mark Major, Pennsylvania State University

The Richard E. Neustadt Best Book Award
The Richard E. Neustadt Award will be given for the best book on executive politics published during 2017. The Neustadt Committee will also consider nominations when submitted for a separate, typically less frequent, Richard E. Neustadt Award for the Best Reference Work on the Presidency and Executive Politics published in the previous calendar year.

Nominations due: February 1, 2018

Award Committee: Donna Hoffman, Chair, University of Northern Iowa; Zak Taylor, Georgia Tech; Yu Ouyang, Perdue University Northwest; Andrew Reeves, Washington University in St. Louis

SECTION 10: POLITICAL METHODOLOGY

The purpose of this section is to provide members having interests in methodology, including research design, measurement, and statistics, opportunities to meet and exchange ideas.

Website: polmeth.edu
Chair: Kosuke Imai, Princeton University
Vice Chair: Suzanna Linn, Penn State University
Treasurer: Luke Keele, Georgetown University
Editor: Political Analysis: Jonathan Katz, California Institute of Technology and R. Michael Alvarez, California Institute of Technology
Editor: The Political Methodologist: Justin Esarey, Rice University

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Teppei Yamamoto, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Executive Council: Rocio Titiunik, University of Michigan

Career Achievement Award
Honors an outstanding career of intellectual accomplishment and service to the profession in the political methodology field.

Nominations due: May 3, 2018

Award Committee: Robert Franzese, University of Michigan; Lonna Atkeson, University of New Mexico; Jeffrey Lewis, University of California, Los Angeles; Simon Jackman, University of Sydney; Wendy Tam Cho, University Illinois-Urbana Champaign

Emerging Scholar Award
Honors a young researcher, within ten years of his or her degree, who is making notable contributions to the field of political methodology.

Nominations due: May 3, 2018

Award Committee: Suzanna Linn, Pennsylvania State University; Walter Mebane, University of Michigan; D. Sunshine Hillygus, Duke University; Luke Keele, Georgetown University

Harold F. Gosnell Prize
Recognizes the best work of political methodology presented at a political science conference in the previous year.

Nominations due: May 3, 2018

Award Committee: Michael Peress, Stony Brook University; Matt Blackwell, Harvard University; Marc Ratkovic, Princeton University

John T. Williams Dissertation Prize
Recognizes the best dissertation proposal in the area of political methodology. Proposals using quantitative or qualitative methods are welcomed. Proposals should follow National Science Foundation format guidelines.
The John A. Garcia Award is a waiver of Program Scholar fees to attend one or both of the ICPSR Summer Program’s four-week sessions. The scholarship will be awarded to a maximum of three women graduate students in PhD programs.

Nominations due: May 3, 2018

Award Committee: Saundra Schneider, Michigan State University; Adrienne Hosek, University of California, Davis; Lee Walker, University of North Texas

SECTION 11: RELIGION AND POLITICS

Formed: 1986 / Dues: $24 for regular members, print & online access to Politics and Religion; $14 for regular members, online-only access to Politics and Religion; $0 for student members

The purpose of this section is to encourage the study of the interrelations between religion and politics, including the politics of religious pluralism; law, religion and governance; faith, practice and political behavior; and the politics of secularism, in the United States as well as in comparative, historical, and global perspective.

Website: connect.apsanet.org/s11/home/

Chair: Erin K. Wilson, University of Groningen
Chiar-Elect: Matt Scherer, George Mason University
Treasurer: Matt Scherer, George Mason University
Editors: Politics and Religion: Elizabeth Oldmixon, University of North Texas

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Tanya B. Schwarz, Hollins University

Executive Council: Tanya B. Schwarz, Hollins University; Benjamin Gaskins, Lewis and Clark College; Nukhet Sandal, Ohio University; Ryan Claassen, Kent State University; Laura Jenkins, University of Cincinnati

Hubert Morken Book Award
The Hubert Morken Award is given for the best publication dealing with religion and politics published during the last two years.

Nominations due: TBA

Award Committee: TBA

Aaron Wildavsky Dissertation Award
Religion and Politics Section invites nominations for the Aaron Wildavsky Dissertation Award. The committee will look for and evaluate the following qualities in the submissions: clearly defined, timely/relevant topic; solid and original theoretical grounding; rigorous/innovative methodology; significance/potential impact of the dissertation project.

Nominations due: TBA

Award Committee: TBA

Ted Jelen Award
This prize is awarded to the best article published in the section’s journal Politics and Religion. The winner of the award is selected by the journal’s editors.

Nominations due: TBA

Weber Best Conference Paper Award
The Best Paper Award recognizes the best paper dealing with religion and politics presented at the previous year’s APSA Annual Conference.

Nominations due: TBA

Award Committee: TBA
Meeting: The paper should address a timely and relevant topic, within the discipline and beyond, in a theoretically innovative and methodologically thorough manner. Please submit nominations to the chair of the committee.

Nominations due: TBA

Award Committee: TBA

Kenneth D. Wald Best Graduate Student Paper Award
The Kenneth D. Wald Best Graduate Student Paper Award will be given annually to a conference paper studying any aspect of religion and politics presented by a PhD student in political science. The conference can be affiliated with any of the US-based political science associations or a conference affiliated with another association, such as the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, the American Academy of Religion, the Middle East Studies Association, or the International Studies Association, as long as the paper was written by a student or students enrolled in a graduate program in political science. Papers written with faculty will not be considered. Papers presented at poster sessions are welcome. The award will be announced and presented at the annual APSA conference during the business meeting. The award committee is under no obligation to make an award if no submissions merit such recognition.

Nominations due: TBA

Award Committee: TBA

SECTION 13: URBAN AND LOCAL POLITICS

Formed: 1986 / Dues: $28 for professional members, print and online journal access; $18 for student members, print and online journal access; $10 for student members, online-only journal access

The purpose of the section is to promote interest in teaching and research in urban and local politics and policy. The section seeks to encourage communication among individuals interested in Urban and Local Politics within the association and within related disciplines.

Website: connect.apsanet.org/groups/urban-and-local-politics-section-13/

Chair: Luis Fraga, University of Notre Dame

Chair-Elect: Laura Reese, Michigan State University

Secretary/Treasurer: Timothy Weaver, University at Albany, SUNY

Editors: Urban Affairs Review: Peter Burns, Loyola University, New Orleans; Jared Carr, University of Illinois, Chicago; Annette Steinacker, Loyola University, Chicago; Antonio Tavares, Universidade de Minho

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chairs: Jill Simone Gross, Hunter College, CUNY; David Imbroscio, University of Louisville

Executive Council: Christina Greer, Fordham University; Jared Carr, University of Illinois, Chicago; Stefanie Chambers, Trinity College – Hartford; Vesla Weaver, Yale University; Andrea Gillespie, Emory University; Ravi Perry, Virginia Commonwealth University; Christopher Hawkins, University of Central Florida; Alisha Holland, Princeton University; Adrienne LeBas, American University; Eduardo Moncada, Barnard College; Antonio Tavares, University of Minho; Daniel J. Hopkins, University of Pennsylvania

Dennis Judd Best Book Award
The Best Book Award recognizes the best book on urban politics published in the previous year. Hard copies of nominated books should be sent to each committee member.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

Best Dissertation Award
The Best Dissertation Award is given annually for the best dissertation on urban politics accepted in the previous year. The award comes with a $250 prize. Electronic or hard copies of dissertations completed and approved in 2017 should be sent to each committee member.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

Byran Jackson Dissertation Research on Minority Politics Award
The Byran Jackson Award recognizes the outstanding scholarship by a graduate student studying racial and ethnic politics in an urban setting. The award comes with a $500 prize. Electronic or hard copies of approved dissertation proposals should be sent to each committee member.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

Best Paper Award
Urban Affairs Review is sponsoring a $250 award for the Best Paper in Urban, Local, or Regional Politics presented at the Annual Meeting, starting with the 2017 conference. The chairs of all Urban and Local Politics Section panels will be asked to nominate papers. Authors from any panel on the conference program can also self-nominate their papers. The best paper will be selected by a panel of three scholars: one editor of Urban Affairs Review, one member of the UAR editorial board, and one member of the executive council of the Urban and Local Politics Section. Papers as written at the time of the APSA conference will be judged. The award will be announced on the APSA Urban and Local Politics section website and the UAR website by December 15, 2017. Authors of the winning paper will also be invited to submit to the Urban Affairs Review for fast-track review and publication, noting it was the winner of the Best Paper Award. This will be an annual award. Awards may not be made every year, depending on the number and quality of submissions.

Nominations due: September 30, 2017

Award Committee: TBA

Norton Long Career Achievement Award
The Norton Long Career Achievement Award is presented annually to a scholar who has made distinguished contributions to the study of urban politics over the course of a career through scholarly publication, the mentoring of students, and public service. Nominations and two supporting letters should be submitted electronically to all committee members.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

Susan Clarke Young Scholars’ Award
The Susan Clarke Young Scholars’ award recognizes scholars who completed their PhD within the last three years (or are ABDs) and
submitted a paper proposal for the 2018 APSA meeting to the 2018 program chairs. Please send accepted proposals to the 2018 Program Chairs and indicate that you are eligible for the Susan Clarke Young Scholars’ Award.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

Clarence Stone Scholar Award
The Clarence Stone Scholar Award recognizes up to two young scholars who are making a significant contribution to the study of urban politics. The award is to be given to up to two post-PhD scholars who are in their career (pre-tenure, or recently advanced within the last three years).

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

SECTION 15: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS

Formed: 1986 / Dues: $0 for students and $10 for all other members

The purpose of this section is to stimulate fundamental inquiry on science, technology, and environmental issues as political phenomena.

Website: stepsection.wordpress

Chair: Deserai Crow, University of Colorado Denver

Secretary/ Treasurer: David Shafie, Chapman University

Editor: Review of Policy Research: Christopher Gore, Ryerson University

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Sara Rinfret, University of Montana

Executive Council: Aseem Prakash, University of Washington-Seattle; Anne Clunan, Naval Postgraduate School; Graeme Auld, Carleton University; Chris Koski, Reed College; Kirsten Rodine Hardy, Northeastern University; Megan Mullin, Duke University; David Konisky, Indiana University

Don K. Price Award
The Don K. Price Award is given for the best book on science, technology, and politics published in the past three years.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

Lynton Keith Caldwell Prize
The Lynton Keith Caldwell Prize is given for the best book on environmental politics and policy published in the past three years.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

Virginia M. Walsh Dissertation Award
The Virginia Walsh Dissertation Award is named in honor of a young scholar who tragically passed away last year, is given for the best dissertations in the field of science, technology and environmental politics.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

Paul A. Sabatier Best Conference Paper Award
The Paul A. Sabatier Best Conference Paper Award is given for the best paper on science, technology, and environmental politics presented at the previous year's APSA Annual Meeting.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

The Elinor Ostrom Career Achievement Award
The Elinor Ostrom Career Achievement Award is given to an individual in recognition of their lifetime contribution to the study of science, technology, and environmental politics. Nominees must be at least 15 years from completing their PhD degree to be eligible.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

The Best Paper Award
The Best Paper Award is given for the best paper published in a relevant journal in the last two years. Relevant journals include political science, public administration, public policy, interdisciplinary environmental science, and science and technology studies journals.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

The Emerging Young Scholars Award
The Emerging Young Scholars Award is given for the best dissertation on women and environmental politics. Nominees must be at least 15 years from completing their PhD degree to be eligible.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

SECTION 16: WOMEN AND POLITICS RESEARCH

Formed: 1986 / Dues: $16 for students and $30 for all other members

The purpose of this section is to foster the study of women and politics within the discipline of political science.

Chair: Christina Ewig, University of Minnesota

Vice-Chair: Shauna Shames, Rutgers University at Camden

Chair-Elect: Merike Blofield; University of Miami

Secretary: Farida Jalalzai, Oklahoma State

Treasurer: Malliga Och, Idaho State University

Editor: Politics & Gender: Mary Caputi, California State University, Long Beach

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chairs: Christina Bajarano, University of Kansas and Susan Franceschet, University of Calgary

Executive Council: Erin Heidt-Forsythe, Pennsylvania State University; Ingrid Bego, Western Carolina University; Shan-Jan Sarah Liu, Newcastle University; Nandini Deo, Lehigh University; Camilla Reutersward (Graduate Student Representative), University of Wisconsin –Madison

Best Dissertation Prize
The best dissertation prize for the best dissertation on women and politics completed and accepted in the previous year.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018
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**Award Committee**: Zehra Arat, Chair, University of Connecticut; Catherine Reyes-Housholder, Center for Conflict and Cohesion Studies; Corrine McConnaughy, George Washington University

**Best Paper Award**
The best paper award presented for the best paper presented at the previous year's annual meeting in the field of women and politics.

**Nominations due**: April 1, 2018

**Award Committee**: Kim Fridkin, Chair, Arizona State University; Mona Lena Krook, Rutgers University; Laura Sjoberg, University of Florida

**The Okin-Young Award in the Feminist Political Theory**
The Okin-Young Award in Feminist Political Theory, co-sponsored by Women and Politics, Foundations of Political Theory, and the Women’s Caucus for Political Science, commemorates the scholarly, mentoring, and professional contributions of Susan Moller Okin and Iris Marion Young to the development of the field of feminist political theory. This annual award recognizes the best paper on feminist political theory published in an English language academic journal during the previous calendar year.

**Nominations due**: February 15, 2018

**Award Committee**: TBA

**SECTION 17: FOUNDATIONS OF POLITICAL THEORY**
Formed: 1987 / Dues: $0 for students and $10 for all other members

The Foundations of Political Theory Section exists to advance the linkage of political theory and philosophy with political science as a discipline. Foundations recognizes and encourages research and teaching that crosses intellectual and disciplinary boundaries. It stands at and seeks to support the intersection where philosophical, psychological, normative, and empirical approaches and problems meet. Foundations, as the name suggests, aims to study the more permanent dimensions of political life ranging from the design of institutions and political practices to the terms and concepts used to interpret the former. At the Foundations website, you will find information about the section, including its officers, its newsletter, and a ‘bookstore’ where you can browse past and new titles in political theory. One new feature is a listing of job opportunities for political theorists and recent placements. If you are not already a member of the section, we hope that you will join us.

**Website**: apsanet.org/section17

**Chair**: Lori Marso, Union College

**Treasurer**: Tamara Metz, Reed College

**2018 Annual Meeting Program Chairs**: Lida Maxwell, Trinity College and Shalini Pradeepa Satkunanandan, University of California, Davis

**Executive Council**: Kathi Weeks, Duke University; Alex Gouvevitch, Brown University; Arash Abizadeh, McGill University; Paulina Ochoa Espejo, Haverford College; Robyn Marasco, Hunter College; Juliet Hooker, Brown University

**David Easton Award**
The David Easton Award is given for a book that broadens the horizons of contemporary political science by engaging issues of philosophical significance in political life through any of a variety of approaches in the social sciences and humanities.

**Nominations due**: February 15, 2018

**Award Committee**: Joan Cocks, Mt. Holyoke College; David Owen, University of Southampton; Susan Bickford, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**First Book Prize**
The First Book Award is given for a first book by a scholar in the early stages of his or her career in the area of political theory or political philosophy.

**Nominations due**: February 15, 2018

**Award Committee**: Jane Gordon, University of Connecticut; Kathi Weeks, Duke University; Elizabeth Cohen, Syracuse University

**Best Paper Award**
Best Paper Award is given for the best paper presented on a Foundations panel at the previous year’s APSA Annual Meeting. Nominations are limited to presenters untenured as of September 2018.

**Nominations due**: February 15, 2018

**Award Committee**: Heather Pool, Denison College; Karen Zivi, Grand Valley State University; Jeremy Arnold, National University of Singapore

**Susan Okin Iris Marion Young Award**
The Okin-Young Award is co-sponsored by Women and Politics, Foundations of Political Theory, and the Women’s Caucus for Political Science. This award commemorates the scholarly, mentoring, and professional contributions of Susan Moller Okin and Iris Marion Young to the development of the field of feminist political theory. This annual award recognizes the best paper on feminist political theory published in an English nomination by other individuals. The award carries a cash award of $600. To be eligible, the article must have been published in 2017. To be considered for this award, one copy of the article should be sent to the chair of the committee.

**Nominations due**: February 15, 2018

**Award Committee**: Judith Grant, Ohio University; Amber Knight, University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Eileen Hunt Botting, University of Notre Dame

**SECTION 18: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND POLITICS**
Formed: 1988 / Dues: $8 for student members and $8 for all other members

The purpose of this section is to provide a forum for members with an interest in the use of computers, the internet, and multimedia in teaching, research, and policy applications in political science and all related subfields and disciplines.

**Website**: apsaitp.org

**Chair**: Leticia Bode, Georgetown University

**Vice-Chair**: Ben Epstein, DePaul University

**Chair-Elect**: Cristian Vaccari, Royal Holloway University

**Secretary**: Bob Boynton, University of Iowa

**Treasurer**: Cecilia Manrique, University of Wisconsin - Lacrosse

**Editor**: Journal of Information Technology and Politics: Mike Jensen, Canberra

**2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair**: Ben Epstein, DePaul University
Nominations due: TBA
Award Committee: TBA

Best Conference Paper
The Best Conference Paper Award recognizes the best conference paper in the area of information technology and politics. The contest is limited to articles presented at conferences in the previous calendar year.

Nominations due: TBA
Award Committee: TBA

Best Journal Article
The Best Published Article Award recognizes the best scholarly article published about Information Technology and Politics. The contest is limited to articles published in the calendar year. The winner will receive a certificate and a check for the cost of one year’s membership in the APSA and the ITP section.

Nominations due: TBA
Award Committee: TBA

Best Book Award
The Best Book Award recognizes the best book in the area of Information Technology and Politics. The contest is limited to books published in the previous calendar year.

Nominations due: TBA
Award Committee: TBA

**SECTION 20: COMPARATIVE POLITICS**
Formed: 1988 / Dues: $5 for student members and $10 for all other members

The purpose of this section is to promote the comparative, especially cross-national, study of politics and to integrate work of comparativists, area studies specialists, and those interested in American politics.

Website: connect.apsanet.org/s20/
Chair: Cathie Jo Martin, Boston University
Vice-Chair: Scott Mainwaring, Harvard University
Secretary / Treasurer: Guillermo Rosas, Washington University
Editor: Comparative Politics Section Newsletter: Matt Golder, Pennsylvania State University and Sona Golder, Pennsylvania State University

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chairs: Jennifer Gandhi, Emory University and Guillermo Trejo, University of Notre Dame

Executive Council: Melani Cammett, Harvard University; Sara Binzer-Hobolt, London School of Economics; Kimuli Kasara, Columbia University; Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro, Brown University; Jennifer Gandhi, Emory University; Guillermo Trejo, University of Notre Dame

Luebbert Book Prize

Nominations due: March 16, 2018
Award Committee: Karen Anderson, Chair, University of Southampton; Michael Albertus, University of Chicago; Prerna Singh, Brown University

Luebbert Article Prize
Awarded annually for the best article in the field of comparative politics during 2016 and 2017.

Nominations due: March 16, 2018
Award Committee: Beatriz Magaloni, Chair, Stanford University; Danny Hidalgo, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Rachel Beatty Riedl, Northwestern University

Sage Paper Prize
Awarded to the best paper in comparative politics presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

Nominations due: March 16, 2018
Award Committee: Kenneth Greene, Chair, University of Texas at Austin; Robert Braun, Northwestern University; Jessica Gottlieb, Texas A&M University
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Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Dataset Award
Awarded annually to a publicly-available dataset in the field of comparative politics.
Nominations due: March 16, 2018
Award Committee: Taylor Boas, Chair, Boston University; Pablo Beramendi, Duke University; Frederick Solt, University of Iowa

SECTION 21: EUROPEAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY

The purpose of the section is to promote comparative discussion, research and debate about the changing sociology of politics, the state and social structures in modern Western Europe.
Website: connect.apsanet.org/s21/
Chair: Erik Jones, Johns Hopkins University
Chair-Elect: Jane Gingerich, University of Oxford
Treasurer: Johannes Lindvall, Lund University
Editor: European Politics and Society Newsletter: David Art, Tufts University; Alexander Jakubow, New Mexico State University
2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Jane Gingerich, University of Oxford

Executive Council: Pepper Culpepper, University of Oxford; R. Daniel Kelemen, Rutgers University; Dorothee Bohle, European University Institute; Silja Häusermann, University of Zurich; Wade Jacoby, Brigham Young University; Kimberly Morgan, George Washington University; Nancy Bermeo, University of Oxford; Henry Farrell, George Washington University; Giovanni Capoccia, University of Oxford

Best Book Award
The Best Book Award is given for the best book on European politics and society published in the previous year.
Nominations due: March 1, 2018
Award Committee: Nicolas Jabko, Chair, Johns Hopkins University; Amy Verdun, University of Victoria; Berthold Rittberger

Ernst B. Haas Best Dissertation Award
The Ernst B. Haas Best Dissertation Award is given for the best dissertation on European politics and society filed during the previous year.
Nominations due: March 1, 2018
Award Committee: Jonathan Moses, Chair, Norwegian University of Science and Technology; J.P. Vollaard, University of Utrecht; Benedicta Marzinotto, University of Udine

Best Article Award
This award is given for the best article dealing with European politics and society published in the last year.
Nominations due: March 1, 2018
Award Committee: Craig Parsons, University of Oregon; Zdenek Kudrna, University of Salzburg; Manuela Moschella, Scuola Normale Superiore

Best Paper Award
The Best Paper Award is given for the best paper given on EPS sponsored panels at the previous annual meetings.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018
Award Committee: Catherin de Vries, University of Essex; Gabriel Goodliffe, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México; Dionyssis G. Dimitrakopoulos, Birkbeck College

Peter Mair Memorial Travel Award
The Peter Mair Memorial Award will fund the travel of two young scholars to attend the APSA meeting. Named in memory of Professor Peter Mair, one of the foremost scholars of European politics, the award is meant explicitly to enable young scholars of European politics without adequate funding to present a paper in one of the panels organized by the EPS section. First-time APSA-attendants who are graduate students or junior professors from underfunded European universities (notably in the East and South) are prioritized, but senior scholars from such institutions as well as junior scholars from underfunded non-European universities (including the US) are also considered. Applicants are expected to also apply to all other travel funds they are eligible for, including their department/university, national science foundations, and the APSA Travel Fund. The Awards are set at a maximum of $3,000 each, but partial/matching funding is possible too (and could lead to a larger number of grants). Applications for the Peter Mair Memorial Award should include: name, position, and academic affiliation; title of proposed paper and EPS-Panel it was submitted to; letter from Head of Department confirming that there are no/not sufficient university funds; list of other funding agencies you have applied to; indicate whether this would be your first APSA attendance.

SECTION 22: STATE POLITICS AND POLICY

The purpose to this section is to further our understanding of the American states including their institutions, political actors, policies, and local, national, and international influence.
Website: politicalscience.olemiss.edu/state-politics-and-policy
Chair: Christopher Z. Mooney, University of Illinois-Springfield
Secretary/Treasurer: Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz, University of Rhode Island

Editors: State Politics and Policy Quarterly: Chris Bonneau, University of Pittsburgh and Kris Kanthak, University of Pittsburgh
Editor: State Politics and Policy Newsletter: Craig Burnett, Hofstra University
2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Jennifer H. Clark, University of Houston

Executive Council: Jamila Michener, Cornell University; Jennifer Wolak, University of Colorado; Michael Nelson, Pennsylvania State University; Marjorie Sarbaugh-Thompson; Wayne State University

Career Achievement Award
The Career Achievement Award given annually to a political scientist who has made a significant lifetime contribution to the study of politics and public policies in the American states.
Nominations due: February 1, 2018

Award Committee: Melinda Gann Hall, Chair, Michigan State University; Gerald Wright, Indiana University; Cherie Maestas, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Virginia Gray Book Award
To be awarded annually to the best political science book published on the subject of U.S. state politics or policy in the preceding three calendar years. Thus, books would be eligible to be considered for the award for three years (e.g., for the 2018 award, books with a copyright of 2015, 2016, and 2017 would be eligible for nomination).

Nominations due: February 1, 2018

Award Committee: Janine Parry, Chair, University of Arkansas; Meghan Leonard, Illinois State University; Kevin Banda, Texas Tech University

Christopher Z. Mooney Best Dissertation Prize
This award is given for the best dissertation in American state politics and policy completed during the previous calendar year. The winner receives a plaque and $1,000.

Nominations due: February 1, 2018

Award Committee: Julianna Pacheco, University of Iowa; Vladimir Kogan, The Ohio State University; Robert Erikson, Columbia University

SPPQ Award for Best Paper Presented at a Professional Meeting
The State Politics and Policy Award is given for the best paper on state politics and policy presented at any professional meeting in the previous calendar year. The Committee may designate separate awards for papers presented by graduate students with no faculty authorships and for papers with solely faculty or graduate student participation. Graduate student winners will receive a plaque and $100 and faculty winners will receive a plaque. Please send nominations to the Award Committee members by the posted deadline.

Nominations due: February 1, 2018

Award Committee: Justin Phillips, Chair, Columbia University; Danielle Thomsen, Syracuse University; Ngoc Phan, Hawaii Pacific University

Best Published Paper Award
The award recognizes the best journal article on US state politics or policy published during the previous calendar year in any peer-reviewed journal (book reviews, review essays, and chapters published in edited volumes are not eligible).

Nominations due: February 1, 2018

Award Committee: Christopher Warshaw, Chair, George Washington University; Rebecca Kreitzer, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Lynda Powell, University of Rochester

SECTION 23: POLITICAL COMMUNICATION
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Website: politicalcommunication.org
Chair: Johanna Dunaway, Texas A&M University
Vice Chair: Kate Kenski, University of Arizona
Secretary/Treasurer: Josh Scacco, Purdue University
Editor: Political Communication: Claes de Vreese, University of Amsterdam
2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Jessica Feezell, University of New Mexico
Executive Council: Emily Sydnor, Southwestern University; Thomas Billard, University of Southern California

Doris Graber Outstanding Book Award
Recognizes the best book published on political communication in the last 10 years.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Sharon Jarvis, University of Texas at Austin; Mary Banwart, University of Kansas; Martin Johnson, Louisiana State University

Paul Lazarsfeld Best Paper Award
The Paul Lazarsfeld Award recognizes the best paper on political communication presented at the previous year’s APSA Annual Meeting or Political Communication preconference.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Andrew Chadwick, Loughborough; Shelley Boulianne, MacEwan University; Jennifer Pan, Stanford University; Jason Reifler, University of Exeter

Timothy E. Cook Best Graduate Student Paper Award
Recognizes the best paper on political communication presented by a graduate student at the previous year’s APSA Annual Meeting.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Yanna Krupnikov, Stony Brook University; Danielle Vinson, Furman University; Brian Weeks, University of Michigan

Thomas E. Patterson Best dissertation Award
Recognizes the best dissertation completed in the field of political communication in the previous calendar year.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Regina Lawrence, University of Oregon; Amber Boydston, University of California, Davis; Nick Anstead, London School of Economics

Walter Lippmann Best Published Article Award
Recognizes the best article published in the field of political communication in the previous calendar year.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Emily Thorson, Boston College; Ashley Muddiman, University of Kansas; John Ryan, Stony Brook University

David Swanson Career Achievement Award
Recognizes distinguished and sustained contributions to the field as planners, editors, and leaders and in roles that require time and energy, innovation, and personal dedication. The award honors
David Swanson, one of the founders of political communication who gave exemplary service to the ICA Political Communication Division and the APSA Political Communication Section. In his memory, the ICA division presents the award every other year. The joint award committee includes representatives of the ICA division and APSA section. The ICA division chair appoints members with the advice of the APSA chair, and the committee receives nominations and generates additional candidates, deliberates on the pool of potential awardees, and makes a selection. The winner receives the award plaque at the annual business meeting of the ICA Political Communication Division. The award is given in even numbered years.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Tamir Shefer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Stuart Soroka, University of Michigan; Talia Stroud, University of Texas; Shanto Iyengar, Stanford University; Barbara Pfetsch, Freie Universität Berlin

SECTION 24: POLITICS AND HISTORY
Formed: 1989 / Dues: $10 for student members and $10 for all other members

The purpose of this section is to bring together political scientists interested in historical issues and problems drawing from almost every traditional disciplinary subfield.

Website: apsanet.org/section24

Chair: Kimberley S. Johnson, New York University
Chair-Elect: Nancy Bermeo, Princeton University
Secretary/Treasurer: Robert Mickey, University of Michigan
Editor: Clio: Shamira Gelbman, Wabash College

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chairs: Megan Ming Francis, University of Washington and Colin Moore, University of Hawaii

Executive Council: Fredrick Harris, Columbia University; Ken Roberts, Cornell University; Anna Grzymala-Busse, Stanford University; Claire Kim, University of California, Irvine; Mala Htun, University of New Mexico; Debra Thompson, University of Oregon; David E. Wilkins, University of Minnesota; Daniel Wirls, University of California, Santa Cruz

J. David Greenstone Book Prize
The J. David Greenstone Book Prize recognizes the best book in history and politics in the past two calendar years.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

Mary Parker Follett Prize
The Mary Parker Follett Prize recognizes the best article on politics and history published in the previous year.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

Walter Dean Burnham Dissertation Award
The Walter Dean Burnham Award is given for the best dissertation in the field of politics and history.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

SECTION 25: POLITICAL ECONOMY
Formed: 1990 / Dues: $10 for student members and $10 for all other members

The purpose of this section is to promote teaching and research in the areas of representation and electoral systems, and to encourage communication among persons interested in these fields within the association and with related disciplines.

Website: apsanet.org/section25

Chair: Isabela Mares, Columbia University
Treasurer: David Primo, University of Rochester

Editors: The Political Economist Newsletter: John Alquist, University of California, San Diego; Christina Schneider, University of California, San Diego; Megumi Naoi, University of California, San Diego

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chairs: Victor Menaldo, University of Washington and Rory Truex, Princeton University

Executive Council: Rachel Wellhausen, University of Texas at Austin; Leonardo Arriola, University of California, Berkeley; Jonathan Rodden, Stanford University

McGillivray Best Paper Award
Given for the best paper in the field of political economy presented at the previous year’s APSA Annual Meeting.

Nominations due: TBA

Award Committee: TBA

Michael Wallerstein Award
Given for the best published article in the field of political economy in the previous calendar year.

Nominations due: TBA

Award Committee: TBA

Mancur Olson Best Dissertation Award
Given for the best dissertation in the field of political economy completed in the previous two years.

Nominations due: TBA

Award Committee: TBA

William H. Riker Book Award
Given for the best book on political economy published during the past three calendar years.

Nominations due: TBA

Award Committee: TBA

SECTION 27: NEW POLITICAL SCIENCE
Formed: 1992 / Dues: $5 for students and $30 for all other members

The purpose of this section is to help make the study of politics relevant to the struggle for a better world.

Website: apsanet.org/section27

Chair: Nancy S. Love, Appalachian State University
Secretary: Sarah M. Surak, Salisbury University
Treasurer: Clyde W. Barrow, University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley
SECTION 28: POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Formed: 1993 / Dues: $5 for student members and $10 for all other members

The purpose of this section to facilitate communication across subfields and disciplinary boundaries among individuals interested in the relationship between political and psychological processes.

Website: connect.apsanet.org/s28/

Chair: Cara Wong, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign

Chair-Elect: Daniel Hopkins, University of Pennsylvania

Treasurer: Melissa Sands, University of California, Merced

Communications Officer: Keena Lipsitz, Queens College and The Graduate Center, City University of New York

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chairs: Spencer Piston, Boston University and Alexander Scacco, New York University

Executive Council: Tali Mendelberg, Princeton University

Robert E. Lane Award

Robert E. Lane Award for the best book in political psychology published in the past year.

Nominations due: TBA

Award Committee: Patrick Egan, New York University; Darren Davis, University of Notre Dame; Amy Lerman, University of California, Berkeley

Best Paper Award

The Best Paper Award is given for the best paper in political psychology delivered at the previous year's annual meeting.

Nominations due: TBA

Award Committee: Corrine McConnaughy, George Washington University; Peter Dinesen, University of Copenhagen; Christopher Parker, University of Washington

Distinguished Junior Scholar Award

The APSA Political Psychology section gives Distinguished Junior Scholar Awards as grants to junior scholars (graduate students or those no more than seven years since receiving their PhD) to help fund their travel to the APSA meeting. Applicants should send their CV, a one-page single-spaced statement describing their work, and evidence that they have been accepted on the APSA program, either as paper giver or poster-presenter.

Nominations due: TBA

Award Committee: Corrine McConnaughy, George Washington University; Peter Dinesen, University of Copenhagen; Christopher Parker, University of Washington

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Award Committee: Rosario Aguilar, Centro de Investigacion y Donencia Economicas; Morris Levy, University of Southern California; LaFleur Stephens-Dougan, Princeton University

SECTION 29: POLITICAL SCIENCE EDUCATION
Formed: 1993 / Dues: $6 for student members and $12 for all other members

The purpose of this section is to promote exemplary undergraduate teaching within the political science discipline and to the scholarship of teaching. The section is especially dedicated to increasing the use of innovative teaching methods, particularly those rooted in experience (internships, service learning, simulations, and study abroad) and the evaluation of such methods.

Website: web.apsanet.org/teachingcivicengagement/political-science-educator/

Chair: Patrick McKinlay, Morningside College
Vice-Chair: Terry Gilmour, Midland College
Secretary: Terry Gilmour, Midland College
Treasurer: Joseph Roberts, Roger Williams University

Editor: The Political Science Educator Newsletter: Bobbi Gentry, Bridgewater College

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Michael Rogers, Arkansas Tech University

Executive Council: Elizabeth Bennion, Indiana University, South Bend; Boris Ricks, California State University, Northridge; Thomas Rigenberg, Rockhurst University; Michael Rogers, Arkansas Tech University; Donald Gooch, Stephen F. Austin University; Sherri Wallace, University of Louisville; Bobbi Gentry, Bridgewater College

The Craig T. Brians Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research and Mentorship
Established in 2014, this award will be awarded annually at the Teaching and Learning Conference, with recognition also given at the APSA annual PSE section reception. The award will be given to faculty members who demonstrate commitment to and excellence in encouraging and developing scholarship among undergraduate students, and in mentoring undergraduate students in preparation for graduate school or public affairs-related careers. Evidence for these commitments may include, but are not limited to, formal and informal supervision of undergraduate student original research, collaborating with undergraduate students on original research projects, assisting undergraduate students with public presentations and/or publication of work, and accompanying students to academic conferences. In honor of the person for whom the award is named, preference will also be given to faculty members who engage in developing undergraduate scholarship through enhancing information literacy.

Nominations due: April 1, 2018

Award Committee: Michael Rogers, Chair, Arkansas Tech University; Tressa Tabares, American River College; Maureen C. Feeley, University of California, San Diego

The Best APSA Conference Paper Award
This award is given annually at the section meeting in junction with the APSA Annual Meeting to the author(s) who present at the previous year’s APSA Annual Meeting, either in an oral session or poster session. The winner(s) will be selected by the Best APSA Conference Paper Award committee.

Nominations due: April 1, 2018

Award Committee: Terry Gilmour, Chair, Midland College; J. Cherie Strachan, Central Michigan University

The Lifetime Achievement Award
This award may be given at the annual section meeting held at the APSA Annual Meeting. The awardee must have a strong record of long-standing, exceptional, and extensive contributions to the goals of the section, including the promotion of the teaching and learning in the discipline and the scholarship of teaching. Any section member may submit a nomination letter to the Executive Committee. Nominations are due by April 1. The Executive Committee will determine if a nominee is eligible and will decide by June 1 if the award will be given. This award does not have to be given every year.

Nominations due: April 1, 2018

Award Committee: Sherri Wallace, Chair, University of Louisville; Elizabeth Bennion, Indiana University, South Bend; Boris Ricks, California State University, Northridge; Thomas Rigenberg, Rockhurst University; Michael Rogers, Arkansas Tech University; Donald Gooch, Stephen F. Austin University; Bobbi Gentry, Bridgewater College

The Distinguished Service Award
This award may be given at the section meeting held at the APSA Annual Meeting. The awardee must have a strong record of exceptional and extensive contributions to the goals of the section, including the promotion of teaching and learning in the discipline and the scholarship of teaching. Any section member may submit a nomination letter to the Award Committee. The Award Committee will determine if a nominee is eligible and will decide by June 1 if the award will be given. This award does not have to be given every year.

Nominations due: April 1, 2018

Award Committee: Joseph Roberts, Chair, Roger Williams University; Elizabeth Bennion, Indiana University, South Bend; Boris Ricks, California State University, Northridge; Thomas Rigenberg, Rockhurst University; Michael Rogers, Arkansas Tech University; Donald Gooch, Stephen F. Austin University; Sherri Wallace, University of Louisville; Bobbi Gentry, Bridgewater College

SECTION 30: POLITICS, LITERATURE, AND FILM
Formed: 1993 / Dues: $0 for students and $5 for professional members

The study of literature and film offers political scientists a particularly stimulating mode of inquiry into political institutions and principles, and into the ways of life that sustain them and are, in turn, shaped by them. Indeed, the creation of this division is itself a sign of the complex and changing landscape of the study of politics. The Section explores the way in which literature—broadly understood to include film and other literary genres—provides unique insights into the nature of political life and the study of politics.

Website: apsanet.org/section30

Chair: Davide Panagia, University of California, Los Angeles
Chair-Elect: Linda Bael, Point Loma Nazarene University
Treasurer: Jay Douglas Steinmetz, Willamette University
SECTION 31: FOREIGN POLICY
Formed: 1993 / Dues: $10 for students and professional members

The Section on Foreign Policy is the organization for those interested in multilevel approaches to the study of international relations. The section emphasizes individual, role, organizational, bureaucratic, societal, and/or state as well as situational and system relations. The section emphasizes comparative as well as American studies of foreign policy. And the section recognizes the contributions of practitioners as well as academics in a broad range of professions and disciplines, for example: communications, economics, diplomacy, government, history, political science, public opinion polling, philosophy, psychology, and sociology.

Website: apsanet.org/section31
Chair: Desha Girod, Georgetown University
Chair-Elect: Tom Dolan, University of Central Florida
Secretary/Treasurer: Jennifer Dresden, Georgetown University
2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Tom Dolan, University of Central Florida
Executive Council: Megan Steward, American University; Dov Levin, Carnegie Mellon University; Desha Girod, Georgetown University; Jen Dresen, Georgetown University; Tom Dolan, University of Central Florida

Distinguished Scholar Award
Recognizes a history of distinguished scholarship in the field of foreign policy. This award will be given biennially, alternating with the section's best book award.

Nominations due: February 15, 2018
Award Committee: TBA

Best Book Award
Biennial award, alternating years with distinguished Scholar Award. Not accepting nominations for APSA 2018.

SECTION 32: ELECTIONS, PUBLIC OPINION, AND VOTING BEHAVIOR
Formed: 1994 / Dues: $12 for student members and $18 for all other members. Print subscriptions of Political Behavior are available for an additional $20, payable to the publisher, Springer.

The purpose of this section is to promote interest in teaching and research on elections, electoral behavior, public opinion, voting turnout, and political participation, both within the United States and in comparative perspective.

Website: connect.apsanet.org/s32/
Chair: Michael D. Martinez, University of Florida
Vice-Chair: Elizabeth Zechmeister, Vanderbilt University
Treasurer: Jennifer Wolak, University of Colorado, Boulder
Editor: Political Behavior: David Peterson, Iowa State University
Communications Director: Bethany Albertson, University of Texas

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chairs: Yanna Krupnikov, Stony Brook University and Thomas Leeper, London School of Economics and Political Science
Executive Council: Antoine Banks, University of Maryland; Rune Slothuus, Aarhus University; Candis Watts Smith, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Patrick Fournier, Université de Montréal; Shana Gadarian, Syracuse University; Quin Monson, Brigham Young University

Warren E. Miller Prize
Awarded every two or three years for an outstanding career of intellectual accomplishments and service to the profession in the elections, public opinion, and voting behavior field.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Philip E. Converse Book Award
Awarded annually to the authors of an outstanding book published at least five years ago.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Emerging Scholars Award
Awarded to the top scholar in the field who is within ten years of her or his PhD.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Best Paper Award
Awarded annually for the best paper delivered at one of the section's panels at the previous year's APSA meetings.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Best Article in Political Behavior
Awarded for the best article published in Political Behavior in the previous calendar year.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

John Sullivan Award
Awarded for the Best Paper Presented by a graduate student at one of the section's panels at the previous year's APSA Annual Meeting.
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**Nominations due: March 1, 2018**

**Graduate Student Travel Awards**
Awarded to graduate students who are authors or co-authors of papers presented on a section panel at this year’s APSA Annual Meeting.

**Nominations due: March 31, 2018**

**SECTION 33: RACE, ETHNICITY AND POLITICS**
Formed: 1995 / Dues: $10 for student members and $20 for all other members

The purpose of this section is to foster communication among scholars, recognize leadership in the field, facilitate research and publication opportunities, encourage undergraduate and student interest, and create a permanent forum for developing and refining appropriate theoretical models in the study of race and ethnicity.

**Website:** apsarep.org

**Chair:** Kerry L. Haynie, Duke University

**Co-Chair:** Marisa Abrajano, University of California, San Diego

**Secretary:** Andrew Flores, University of California, Los Angeles

**Treasurer:** Christina Greer, Fordham University

**Editors:** *Journal of Race and Ethnic Politics*: Marisa Abrajano, University of California, San Diego and Jane Junn, University of Southern California

**Editor:** *REP Newsletter*: Hannah Walker, Rutgers University

**2018 Annual Meeting Program Chairs:** Stella Rouse, University of Maryland and Candis Watts Smith, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Executive Council:** Christina Bejarano, University of Kansas; Karam Dana, University of Washington, Bothell; Alexandra Filindra, University of Illinois Chicago; Chris Haynes, University of New Haven; Evelyn Simien, University of Connecticut; Pearl Ford Dowle, University of Arkansas; Lorrie-Frasure-Yokley, University of California, Los Angeles; Jessica Lavariega-Monforti, California Lutheran University; Jennifer Merolla, University of California, Riverside

**Graduate Student Representative:** Sara Sadhwani, University of Southern California

**Best Book Award**
The Best Book Award is given for the best book in the field of race, ethnicity, and politics.

**Nominations due: TBA**

**Award Committee:** Saladin Ambar, Rutgers University; Christopher Stout, Oregon State University; Vanessa Tyson, Scripps College

**Best Dissertation Award**
The Best Dissertation Award is given for the best American dissertation on race, ethnicity, and politics accepted in the previous year.

**Award Committee:** Ashley Jardina, Duke University; Jason Casellas, University of Houston; Matthew Mendez, California State University, Channel Islands

**Nominations due: TBA**

**Best Paper Award**
The Best Paper Award is given for the best paper on race, ethnicity, and politics presented at the previous year’s APSA Annual Meeting.

**Award Committee:** Jennifer Merolla, University of California, Riverdale; Rene Rocha, University of Iowa; Wendy Smooth, Ohio State University

**Nominations due: TBA**

**SECTION 34: INTERNATIONAL HISTORY AND POLITICS**
Formed: 1999 / Dues: $0 for student members and $10 for all other members

The purpose of this section is to promote the study of international history and politics, to disseminate research results; to encourage interdisciplinary conversations between political scientists and historians, and to advance the development, dissemination, integration, and application of qualitative and historiographical methodologies.

**Website:** connect.apsanet.org/s34/

**Chair:** Karen J. Alter, Northwestern University

**Vice Chair:** Cecilia Lynch, University of California, Irvine

**Treasurer/Secretary:** David Edelstein, Georgetown University

**Newsletter Editors:** *International History and Politics Newsletter*: Peter Harris, Colorado State University and Tom Le, Pomona College

**2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair:** David Steinberg, Johns Hopkins University

**Executive Council:** Tanisha Fazal, University of Notre Dame; Stacie Goddard, Wellesley College; Miles Kahler, American University; Jeffry Colgan, Brown University; Fiona Adamson, SOAS University of London; Bridgett Coggs, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Robert L. Jervis and Paul W. Schroeder Best Book Award**
The Robert L. Jervis and Paul W. Schroeder Best Book Award is given for the best book on international history and politics. This award may be granted to a single-authored or multi-authored book, or to an edited volume. The award will be given to works published in the calendar year prior to the year of the APSA meeting at which the award is presented. The copyright date of a book will establish the relevant year. Hence, books with a 2017 copyright date will be eligible for the award presented at the 2018 APSA meeting.

**Nomination Instructions:** Nominations for the Jervis-Schroeder Book award (including three copies of cover letters and books) should be sent directly to the award committee members.

**Nominations due: February 28, 2018**

**Award Committee:** Lisa Blyades, Chair, Stanford University

**Outstanding Article Award in International History and Politics**
The Outstanding Article Award in International History and Politics recognizes exceptional peer-reviewed journal articles representing the mission of the section, including innovative work that brings new light to events and processes in international politics, encourages interdisciplinary conversations between political scientists and historians, and advances historiographical methods. The Outstanding Article Award is given to a published article that appeared in print in the calendar year preceding the APSA meeting at which the award is presented. It may be granted to an article that is single- or co-authored. The year of final journal publication, as detailed by print citation, establishes eligibility.
**Nomination Instructions:** Nominations including a brief description of the significance of the article and a digital copy of the article should be sent to all Award Committee members before the annual deadline.

**Nominations due:** February 28, 2018

**Award Committee:** Seva Gunitsky, Chair, University of Toronto; Nicholas Miller, Dartmouth College; Sheena Greitens, University of Missouri

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**SECTION 35: COMPARATIVE DEMOCRATIZATION**

**Formed: 2000 / Dues: $8 for student members and $8 for all other members**

The Comparative Democratization Section exists to promote the analysis of the origins, processes, and outcomes of democratization among nations, spur communication among political scientists whose scholarship focuses on particular world regions, and stimulate greater involvement within APSA of political scientists working in various areas like Africa, the Middle East, Latin America, the Far East, Europe, and the countries of the former Soviet Union.

**Website:** compdem.org

**Chair:** Rachel Beatty Riedl, Northwestern University

**Vice Chair:** Margit Tavits, Washington University in St. Louis

**Secretary:** Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro, Brown University

**Treasurer:** Kelly McMann, Case Western Reserve University

**Newsletter Editor:** APSA-CD: Staffan Lindberg, Gothenburg University

**2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair:** Erica Frantz, Michigan State University

**Best Article Award**

Single or coauthored articles focusing directly on the subject of democratization and published in 2017 are eligible. Nominations and self-nominations are encouraged. Copies of the article should be sent by e-mail to each of the committee members.

**Nominations due:** March 15, 2018

**Award Committee:** TBA

**Best Book Award**

Given for the best book in the field of Comparative Democratization published in 2017 (authored, coauthored, or edited). Copies of the nominated book should be sent to each committee member in time to arrive by March 15, 2018. Books received after this deadline cannot be considered.

**Nominations due:** March 15, 2018

**Award Committee:** TBA

**Best Field Work Award**

This prize rewards dissertation students who conduct especially innovative and difficult fieldwork. Scholars who are currently writing their dissertations or who complete their dissertations in 2017 are eligible. Candidates must submit two chapters of their dissertation and a letter of nomination from the chair of their dissertation committee describing the field work. The material submitted must describe the field work in detail and should provide one or two key insights from the evidence collected in the field. The chapters may be sent electronically or in hard copy directly to each committee member.

**Nominations due:** March 15, 2018

**Award Committee:** TBA

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**SECTION 36: HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Formed: 2000 / Dues: $0 for student members and $10 for all other members**

The Section on Human Rights was established to encourage scholarship and facilitate exchange of data and research findings on all components of human rights (e.g., civil, political, economic, social, cultural, environmental), their relationship, determinants and consequences of human rights policies, structure and influence of human rights organizations, development, implementation, and impact on international conventions, and changes in the international human rights regime.

**Website:** apsahumanrightssection.blogspot.com

**Chair:** Rhonda Callaway, Sam Houston State University

**Vice Chair:** Bethany Barratt, Roosevelt University

**Chair-Elect:** Brooke Ackerly, Vanderbilt University

**Secretary:** Gio Altamirano Rayo, Carnegie Mellon University

**Treasurer:** Brian Greenhill, University of Albany, SUNY

**2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair:** Bethany Barratt, Roosevelt University

**Social Media Coordinator:** M. Joel Voss, University of Toledo

**Executive Council:** Mikyoung Kim, Hiroshima City University; Marijke Breuning, University of North Texas

**Distinguished Scholar Award**

This award recognizes an individual who has worked in the field of human rights and made an exceptional contribution to the field through research, teaching and mentorship. This is awarded every 3 years and will not be awarded until 2020. The committee will consist of the section chair, section vice-chair and vice chair elect.

**Nominations due:** April 1, 2020

**Award Committee:** TBA

**Best Article Award**

Given to the best paper on Comparative Democratization presented at the previous year’s APSA Annual Meeting. Papers must be nominated by panel chairs or discussants.

**Nominations due:** March 15, 2018

**Award Committee:** TBA

**Best Dissertation Award**

Given for the best dissertation in the Comparative Study of Democracy completed and accepted in the two calendar years immediately prior to the APSA Annual Meeting where the award will be presented (2016 or 2017 for the 2018 Annual Meeting). The prize can be awarded to analyses of individual country cases as long as they are clearly cast in a comparative perspective. A hard copy of the dissertation, accompanied by a letter of support from a member of the dissertation committee should be sent to each member of the prize selection committee.

**Nominations due:** March 15, 2018

**Award Committee:** TBA

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**Best Field Work Award**

Copies of the dissertation and a letter of support (less than 1,000 words) from the dissertation chair outlining the contributions of...
the dissertation to the field of human rights should be received by the committee by May 15, 2018.

Nominations due: May 15, 2018

Award Committee: Alison Brysk, Chair, University of California, Santa Barbara

Best Book Award
This competition is open to all books on human rights written by a political scientist and published in the previous two years. Please send one copy of the book to each member of the award committee.

Nominations due: April 1, 2018

Award Committee: Patrice McMahon, Chair, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Best Paper Award
This award recognizes the best paper presented on a Human Rights Section Panel at the APSA Annual Meeting.

Nominations due: May 15, 2018

Award Committee: Richard Hiskes, Chair, Grand Valley State University

SECTION 37: QUALITATIVE AND MULTI-METHOD RESEARCH

Formed: 2003 / Dues: $9 for students and professional members

The goals of the Section are to promote research and training focused on the several branches of methodology associated with the qualitative tradition; and to strive for an integrated understanding of these diverse methods and of their relationship to quantitative methods.

Website: maxwell.syr.edu/moynihan/cqrm/APSAs_Qualitative_and_Multi-Method_Research_Section/

Chair: Melani Cammett, Harvard University

Vice-Chair: Henry Hale, George Washington University

Secretary/Treasurer: Colin Elman, Syracuse University

Editors: Qualitative & Multimethod Research: Tim Buthe, Duke University and Alan M. Jacobs, University of British Columbia

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Ryan Saylor, The University of Tulsa

Executive Council: Michael Coppedge, University of Notre Dame; Pauline Jones Luong, University of Michigan; Jeb Barnes, University of Southern California; Fred Schaffer, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Alexander L. George Article Award
Honors Alexander George’s contributions to the comparative case-study method, including his work linking that method to a systematic concern with research design, and his contribution of developing the idea and the practice of process tracing. This award may be granted to a journal article or to a chapter in an edited volume that stands on its own as an article. The award will be given to an article or book chapter published in the calendar year prior to the year of the APSA meeting at which the award is presented, with the date of publication being established by the journal issue for articles and the copyright date of the book for chapters. Articles or chapters published in 2017 will be eligible for the 2018 award.

Nominations Due: January 31, 2018, via e-mail to Colin Elman (celman@syr.edu)

David Collier Mid-Career Achievement Award
Honors David Collier’s contributions—through his research, graduate teaching and institution-building—as a founder of the qualitative and multi-method research movement in contemporary political science. The award will be presented annually to a mid-career political scientist to recognize distinction in methodological publications, innovative application of qualitative and multi-method approaches in substantive research, and/or institutional contributions to this area of methodology.

Nominations Due: January 31, 2018

Nomination Instructions: To be eligible for the mid-career award, nominees must have defended their dissertation within 15 years of the beginning of the year in which the award is presented. Each nomination must include a cover letter summarizing specific merits of the candidate (not merely generic praise), as well as an up-to-date CV of the nominee, including the date of the doctoral degree. Self-nominations are welcome. For the 2018 award, nominees must have defended their dissertation in or later than 2003.

Giovanni Sartori Book Award
Honors Giovanni Sartori’s work on qualitative methods and concept formation, and especially his contribution to helping scholars think about problems of context as they refine concepts and apply them to new spatial and temporal settings. The award is intended to encompass two types of contributions: new research on methodology per se, that is, studies that introduce specific methodological innovations or that synthesize and integrate methodological ideas in a way that is in itself a methodological contribution; and substantive work that is an exemplar for the application of qualitative methods. This award may be granted to a single-authored or multi-authored book, or to an edited volume. The award will be given to works published in the calendar year prior to the year of the APSA Annual Meeting at which the award is presented. The copyright date of a book will establish the relevant year. Hence, books with a 2017 copyright date will be eligible for the award presented at the 2018 APSA Annual Meeting.

Nominations Due: January 31, 2018

Nomination Instructions: Nominations for the awards (including four copies of the nominated book, article/chapter or APSA paper) should be sent to the Qualitative and Multi-method Research section Secretary-Treasurer: Colin Elman, Syracuse University, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 346 Eggers Hall, Syracuse, NY 13244-1020.

Sage Paper Award
Honors Sara and George McCune, who founded and sustained Sage Publications as a leading publisher of social science methodology—including very centrally qualitative methods. This award will be given to a paper presented at the previous annual meeting.

Nominations Due: January 31, 2018, via e-mail to Colin Elman (celman@syr.edu)

SECTION 38: SEXUALITY AND POLITICS

Formed: 2007 / Dues: $10 for students and $10 for professional members

The objective of the Sexuality and Politics Section is to bring together scholars working in a variety of areas within political
science to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and to foster intellectual community and expertise within the APSA.

Website: apsanet.org/section38
Chair: Melissa Michelson, Menlo College
Secretary: Zein Murib, Fordham University
Treasurer: Bogdan Popa, Oberlin College

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Patrick Egan, New York University

Executive Council: Erin Mayo-Adam, Hunter College, CUNY; Eric van der Vort, Syracuse University; R.G. Cravens, Bowling Green State University; Jennifer Raymond, Union Institute & University; Charles Gossett, California State University, Sacramento

Cynthia Weber Best Conference Paper Award
The Best Conference Paper Award recognizes the best paper exploring sexuality and politics presented at the previous year's APSA Annual Meeting.

Nominations due: June 15, 2018

Award Committee: Charles Gossett, California State University, Sacramento; Erin Mayo-Adam, Hunter College, CUNY; R.G. Cravens, Bowling Green State University

Kenneth Sherrill Best Dissertation Award
The Best Dissertation Award recognizes the best dissertation on sexuality and politics completed and successfully defended in the previous two calendar years. The award is open to all scholarship that falls under the broad rubric of sexuality and politics, including studies concerning the regulation of sexuality, political responses to the regulation of sexuality, the uses of sexuality as a political construct, the intersections of sexuality with gender, race, and class, or LGBT politics and mobilizations.

Nominations due: June 15, 2018

Award Committee: Courtenay Daum, Colorado State University; Eric van der Vort, Syracuse University; Jennifer Raymond, Union Institute & University

SECTION 39: HEALTH POLITICS AND POLICY
Formed: 2008 / Dues: $0 for student members and $8 for all other members

The Organized Section on Health Politics and Policy provides the ideal infrastructure in which members can more thoroughly, efficiently arm themselves with the additional expertise we need to explore health politics and policy questions. The section will define health politics and policy just as broadly as the phrase implies. Everything from the politics of Medicare Part D to the politics of women's health; everything from comparative politics of AIDS in Africa, Eastern Europe, and South Asia to the comparative state politics of Medicaid and SCHIP; everything from the ethics of end of life decisions to the regulation of stem cell research, everything from public budgeting and regulation to public health disaster preparedness fall with the scope of the section.

Website: apsanet.org/section39
Chair: Colleen Grogan, University of Chicago
Secretary: Sarah Gollust, University of Minnesota
Treasurer: Bert Rockman, Purdue University

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Julia Lynch, Princeton University

Executive Council: Shanna Rose, Claremont McKenna College; David Jones, Boston University; Scott Greer, University of Michigan; Sue-Tolleson Rinehart, University of North Carolina

Leonard S. Robins Best Paper Award
The Leonard S. Robins Best Paper on Health Politics and Policy Award recognizes the best paper on any subject that fits under the rubric of Health Politics and Policy presented at the previous annual APSA meeting. All papers presented at panels sponsored or co-sponsored by the Section on Health Politics and Policy are eligible for consideration, and may be nominated by panel chairs, discussants, or others. All other substantively appropriate papers presented at panels organized by other sections, division, and related groups are also eligible, if the authors made an electronic version of their paper available to view online.

Nominations due: December 31, 2017

Award Committee: Miriam Laugesen, Columbia University; Patty Strach, SUNY Albany

Outstanding Public Engagement
This award is offered to someone who has been working to improve health and the health care system by actively engaging in politics and policy making.

Deadline: December 31, 2017

Award Committee: Michael Sparer, Columbia University; Colleen Grogan, University of Chicago; Sarah Gollust, University of Minnesota; Bert Rockman, Purdue University

SECTION 40: CANADIAN POLITICS
Formed: 2009 / Dues: $0 for students and $8 for all other members

The purpose of this section is to promote the interest in Canadian politics, to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information related to Canadian politics and to encourage the accumulation of knowledge about Canadian politics.

Website: canadianpoliticssection.org
Chair: Louise Carbert, Dalhousie University
Vice Chair: Antoine Yoshinaka, SUNY-University at Buffalo
Secretary: Cristine de Clercy, Western University
Treasurer: Ross Burkhart, Boise State University

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Melissa Haussman, Carleton University

Executive Council: Melanee Thomas, University of Calgary; Scott Matthews, Memorial University; Angelia Wagner, University of Alberta; Luc Turgeon, University of Ottawa; Cris de Clercy, Western University; Carole J. Uhlaner

Mildred Schwartz Lifetime Achievement in the Study of Canadian Politics
The Schwartz Lifetime achievement award goes to scholars who have made significant contributions through their career to the study of Canadian politics, either through development of political analysis of Canada or through incorporating Canada as a significant case in comparative political analyses.
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Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Daniel Cohn, Chair, York University; Mildred Schwartz, University of Illinois-Chicago; Patrick Fournier, Universite de Montreal; Mireille Lalancette, Universite du Quebec a Trois-Rivieres; Charles Doran

Seymour Martin Lipset Best Book Award
Books published by members of the PAS Canadian Politics Section dealing with Canadian politics, or incorporating Canada as a significant case in a comparative political analysis, that were published between 2011–2017 are eligible for consideration.

Nominations due: March 1, 2018

Award Committee: Keith Brownsey, Mount Royal University; Joanna Everitt, University of New Brunswick, Saint John; Christopher Alcantara, Western University; Greg Lyle, Innovative Research; Ken Cosgrove, Suffolk University

SECTION 41: POLITICAL NETWORKS
Formed: 2009 / Dues: $0 for students and $10 for other members

The purpose of the Political Networks Organized Section is to promote intellectual exchange among scholars regarding the theoretical, methodological, and substantive aspects of political networks.

Website: polinetworks.org

Chair: Anand Sokhey, University of Colorado, Boulder

Vice-Chair: Bruce Desmarais, Pennsylvania State University

Communications Director: Justin Gross, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Treasurer: Dino Christenson, Boston University

Membership Chair: Matthew Howell, Eastern Kentucky University

Editor: Nodes & Edges: Justin Gross, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Jennifer Larson, New York University

Executive Council: Casey Klofstad, University of Miami; Nick Weller, University of California, Riverside; Justin Kirkland, University of Houston

The Political Ties Award
This award is given on an annual basis to the best article published on political networks over the past two years.

Nominations due: April 1, 2018

Award Committee: TBA

Best Book Award
Awarded on a biennial basis to the best book published on political networks in a two-year period (current cycle includes a book published April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2019).

Nominations due: April 1, 2019

Award Committee: TBA

Best Conference Paper Award
This award is given annually to the best paper on political networks presented by a faculty member delivered at a political science conference in the previous year.

Nominations due: TBA

SECTION 42: EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH
Formed: 2010 / Dues: $0 for student and professional members for online-only journal access; $18 for student members for print and online journal access; $24 for professional members for print and online journal access

The Experimental Research Organized Section advances pedagogy, research, and scholarly contributions based on randomized or natural experiments. Recent years have seen a dramatic increase in the number of published articles in political science that use experiments. Experimentalists are exploring topics that would have been unimaginable only a few years ago. The rapid growth, development, and celebration of experimental methods in political science presents the opportunity to share a specific vocabulary and toolkit with researchers interested in experimental methods of all kinds. The section is devoted to helping scholars develop and hone these skills and to providing a forum where research based on these techniques can be shared and discussed.

Website: apsanet.org/section42

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SECTION 43: MIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP
Formed: 2012 / Dues: $5 for student members and $10 for all other members

The purpose of this section is to bring together political scientists working on issues of migration and citizenship, promote teaching and research in the field, and encourage communication among political scientists and scholars of migration and citizenship in related disciplines, including policy and other professionals, domestically and internationally.

Website: connect.apsanet.org/s43/
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SECTION 44: AFRICAN POLITICS CONFERENCE GROUP
Formed: 2013 / Dues: $10 for students and professional members

The purpose of this section is to promote recognition within professional associations of the theoretical and methodological contributions to the discipline of political scientists whose research and professional interests center largely or in part upon sub-Saharan Africa.

Website: connect.apsanet.org/s44/
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SECTION 45: CLASS AND INEQUALITY
Formed: 2014 / Dues: $5 for students and $10 for all other members

The Organized Section on Class and Inequality supports scholars of politics who study the political causes and consequences of economic inequality, social class stratification, and mobility and opportunity.

Website: connect.apsanet.org/s45/
Chair: Nicholas Carnes, Duke University
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2018 Annual Meeting Program Chairs: Nicholas Carnes, Duke University

SECTION 46: IDEAS, KNOWLEDGE, AND POLITICS
Formed: 2014 / Dues: $1 for students and $9 for professionals

To understand political decisions and actions, it is necessary to study the sources and content of our political beliefs. To assess these decisions and actions, we need to study whether our political beliefs are accurate. Why do different people interpret the political world in different ways? How do they interpret either their own interests or the public interest; from what sources are these interpretations drawn; and how do these interpretations motivate political action? Given political actors’ imperfect knowledge, how do they try to approximate full knowledge of the likely consequences of their actions, and how successful are these attempts? Under what conditions do political beliefs tend to be true? These questions have tended to be neglected within political science, with the result that our understandings of political processes are often incomplete. By addressing itself to the sources and the accuracy of our political beliefs, political epistemology seeks to fill a significant lacuna in political science and political theory.

Website: apsanet.org/section46
Chair: Hélène Landemore, Yale University
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2018 Annual Meeting Program Chairs: Nick Clark, Susquehanna University and Jacob Roundtree, Harvard University

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Ideas, Knowledge and Politics Graduate Student Paper Award
The Ideas, Knowledge, and Politics (IKP) division announces its 2017 graduate student paper award. This award will recognize the APSA conference paper by a graduate student, presented at an IKP-sponsored session at the annual meeting. Nominations due: November 15th, 2017

Nominations due: November 1, 2017

SECTION 47: AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT
Formed: 2016 / Dues: $25 for students with print and electronic journal access; $20 for students for electronic-only journal access; $35 for professional members with print and electronic journal access; $25 for professional members with electronic-only journal access.

The purpose of this section is to facilitate and encourage a uniquely integrative approach to the study of politics that will put scholars of American politics, political theory, American political development, American history, philosophy, American literature, and other related fields in ongoing and fruitful conversation with one another.

Nominations due: November 1, 2017

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2018 Annual Meeting Program Chair: Greg Weiner, Assumption College

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Best Book in American Political Thought
Winner of The Best Book in American Political Thought Award will be chosen every year by the Executive Council. The monetary value of the award will be established by the council in consultation with the Secretary/Treasurer and publicized appropriately.

Nominations due: TBA
Award Committee: TBA

Best Dissertation in American Political Thought
The winner of The Best Dissertation in American Political Thought Award will be chosen every two years by the Executive Council.

Nominations due: TBA
Award Committee: TBA

The Best Article in American Political Thought Award
The winner of The Best Article in American Political Thought Award will be chosen every year by the Executive Council from among the articles published in American Political Thought the preceding year. The monetary value of the award will be established by the Council in consultation with the Secretary/Treasurer and publicized appropriately.

Nominations due: TBA
Award Committee: TBA

The Best Conference Paper in American Political Thought Award
The winner of The Best Conference Paper in American Political Thought Award will be chosen every year by the Executive Council from among nominations provide by panel chairs at the APSA Annual Meeting. The monetary value of the award will be established by the Council in consultation with the Secretary/Treasurer and publicized appropriately.

Nominations due: TBA
Award Committee: TBA