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Sergio E. Sanchez is a political science lecturer at California State University, Chico, where he teaches American Government and Research Methods.



Sergio received his MA in political science from CSU Chico, and his BS in political science from the University of Maryland, University College. Sergio's research interests are international relations and security studies.

Mr. Sanchez's professional experience includes serving as an intelligence officer for the Defense Intelligence Agency, and as an intelligence specialist with the United States Air Force, where he was detailed to the

National Security Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency. Sergio seeks to pursue a PhD in political science in international relations and security studies.

BRIANA J. VARGAS-GONZALEZ

Briana J. Vargas-Gonzalez is a second-year graduate student in the MA political science program at the University of Central Florida (UCF).



In 2011, she graduated cum laude with a BA in political science focusing in international relations and decided to continue her studies at UCF. She will complete her thesis during the summer term of 2014 and continue

her education in a political science doctoral program. Her research interests include comparative political studies in Central Eastern Europe, public opinion, political behavior, and transitional democratic institutions and citizens' response to such institutions. Briana presented her preliminary research on citizen approval of membership with the European Union since the 2008 global economic crisis focusing on post-communist member states at the 2013 Northeastern Political Science Association's annual meeting. She also plans to attend the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association's annual meeting where she will present further quantitative analysis of her preliminary research. Briana plans on completing a PhD in political science with a focus on democratic growth and accountability in developing nations.

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Briefs

APSA Membership and Marketing Director Announced

Liane Pinero-Kluge has joined APSA as senior director of membership and marketing operations. She oversees the activities and operations of member services, marketing-communications, and meetings and conferences. After serving as a consultant for APSA on membership issues and strategies during the summer of 2013, Liane joined the staff in the fall of 2013. Her tasks include:



(1) Selection and integration/implementation of the new AMS-CMS system (database and new, easier, more intuitive website) that will integrate more seamlessly with the launch (re-launch) of an "Open Forum" on APSAConnect, for members only.

(2) Review and audit of current marketing-communication outlets and vehicles as they relate to both member recruitment and member service/value (inclusive of all print, email, web, and social media, newsletter, and more)

(3) Implementation of regularly occurring member satisfaction surveys

(4) Review of all association programs to ensure greatest value for current APSA members, future APSA members, and greater efficiency in overall operations within the departments; and

(5) Improvement of service to our members.

She is the former chief operating officer of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) where, for more than a decade, she held primary responsibility for marketing-communications and membership and led the efforts to grow membership and revenue by more than 50%. Liane has more than 17 years of experience in brand and relationship building within both the nonprofit and profit arenas—primarily in higher education—as well as experience in public relations, where her work helped garner a Public Relations Society of America Silver Anvil Award for her firm. She earned a BA from Loyola University Chicago where she studied political science, philosophy, and English, and earned certified association executive credentials in 2009.

Section Announces New Award

The APSA Organized Section on International History and Politics announces a new award. The Outstanding Article Award in International History and Politics recognizes exceptional peer-reviewed journal articles representing the mission of the International History and Politics 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. Nominations including a brief description of the significance of the article and a digital copy of the article should be sent to the Section Chair of International History and Politics before the annual deadline.

Deadline for nominations for the 2014 award was March 15, 2014.

AAAS Elects Fellows

“Meeting Global Challenges: Discovery and Innovation” was the theme for the 2014 AAAS Annual Meeting but it also describes the achievements of the new AAAS Fellows.

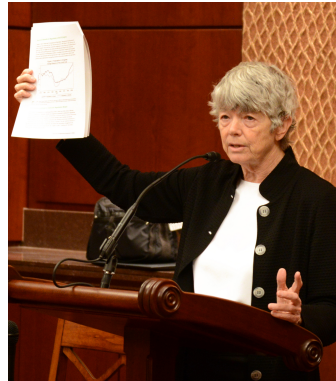
For example, Robert Geahlen, distinguished professor of medicinal chemistry at Purdue University, discovered Syk, an enzyme that affects the growth of different types of cancer cells. Ole Isacson, professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School, helped create induced pluripotent stem cells, which will enable researchers to study Parkinson’s disease outside of patients.

Geahlen and Isacson are among the 388 newly elected AAAS Fellows who were recognized by their peers for their efforts to advance science or its applications. The new AAAS Fellows were honored at the AAAS Fellows Forum on 15 February during the AAAS Annual Meeting in Chicago, where they received a certificate and a blue and gold rosette as a symbol of their distinguished accomplishments.

In the Section on History and Philosophy of Science, James Bogen, University of Pittsburgh, Jonathan C. Coopersmith, Texas A&M University, Karen A. Rader, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Rose-Mary Sargent, Merrimack College were honored.

In the Section on Social, Economic, and Political Sciences, Ann Bostrom, University of Washington; Paul D. Cleary, Yale University; Peter Lange, Duke University; and Alberto Palloni, University of Wisconsin, Madison, became Fellows.

Fellows are elected each year on the basis of “meritorious efforts to advance science and its applications.” For more information about AAAS, visit www.aaas.org.



Clockwise from right, Jane Mansbridge (left) and Cathie Jo Martin and Steven Rathgeb Smith (right) listen as Sarah Binder explains findings. Jane Mansbridge displays results as she shares her comments. Participants listen as the panel takes questions. (Photos by Richard Houston for APSA.)

Task Force Report Released, Presented to Congressional Staff

The task report, *Negotiating Agreement in Politics*, edited by Jane Mansbridge and Cathie Jo Martin with Sarah Binder, Frances Lee, Nolan McCarty, John Odell, Dustin Tingley, and Mark Warren, was announced at a Capitol Hill briefing on December 16 to a standing-room-only crowd. The report explores the problems of political negotiation in the United States, provides lessons from success stories in political negotiation, and offers practical advice for how diverse interests might overcome their narrow disagreements to negotiate win-win solutions. The report is available for free to members at www.apsanet.org/negotiatingagreement.



Short course participants at the Teaching and Learning Conference discuss their ideas in a break-out session. (Photos by Richard Houston for APSA.)

Participants gather after the opening reception of the 11th Annual APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, held February 7–9, 2014, in Philadelphia. More than 300 attended the event. Details and the conference track summaries will be published in the July 2014 issue of PS.