

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

SPPQ Best Paper Award for 2010

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: JANUARY 1, 2011

State Politics and Policy Quarterly and the State Politics and Policy organized section of the American Political Science Association are pleased to co-sponsor the SPPQ Best Paper Award. Lilliard Richardson, chair of the Section, and the SPPQ co-editors, Thad Kousser, Ronald Weber, and Richard Winters call for nominations for this award for papers presented in 2010.

State Politics and Policy Quarterly and the State Politics and Policy organized section will present the SPPQ Best Paper Award to the best paper on the U.S. states presented at any political science conference during the calendar year.

The goal of the SPPQ Best Paper Award is to recognize and encourage high quality scholarship on U.S. state politics and policy.

The author(s) of the winning paper will receive:

- A plaque commemorating the award,
- \$250.00, and
- The opportunity to publish the paper (in revised version, as appropriate) in *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*.

Eligibility:

Any paper presented at a professional conference during the 2010 calendar year that explores issues of U.S. state politics and policy and/or uses data drawn largely from the U.S. states is eligible for nomination.

Nominations:

Nominations may be made to one of the editors of *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* or to a member or chair of the award selection committee. Nominations should include the name of the author(s), the title of the paper, and the name of the conference at which the paper was presented. If possible, nominations should include a copy of the original paper (preferably in electronic form), as presented at the conference.

2010 selection committee:

The 2010 SPPQ Best Paper Award selection committee members are: Beth Reingold, chair of committee, Department of Political Science, Emory University (polbr@emory.edu); Richard Fording (rford@email.uky.edu); Stacy Gordon (sgordon@unr.nevada.edu); Christopher Mooney (cmoon1@uis.edu).

Criteria for selection:

The winning paper will be the one nominated that best tests general theories or models of political behavior, political institutions, or policymaking with evidence from the U.S. states, as determined by the selection committee. The selection committee will look especially favorably on papers that demonstrate the imaginative use of the methodological advantages of the U.S. states.

Schedule:

Nominations (including a copy of the paper as presented at the conference) must be received by January 1, 2011 by email to any of the above or by surface mail to Prof. Reingold.