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Association News

In this newsletter, we report the activities of the 2016 Annual Meeting of the [Western Political Science Association](#) and issue a call to ABDs on the job market for the 2016-2017 cycle. This year, the conference was held in the beautiful San Diego, CA, at the Manchester Hyatt. Those of us experiencing winter in the midwest and on the east coast got the chance to enjoy sunny skies and warmer weather, while those of us experiencing summer temperatures in winter enjoyed the relief of the ocean breeze.



While at the conference, some of us had time to mix business with pleasure, attending a host of presentations on topics across all subfields of the discipline, mini-conferences, and panels on professional development, as well as taking time to visit Coronado Island, a nearby beach town, and the famed Hotel del Coronado. The weather cooperated and we descended on San Diego enjoying the conference proceedings and the local sights!

Danielle Lemi (UC Riverside), Andrea Silva (UC Riverside), and Christina Bejarano (University of Kansas) at Coronado Island

Call for ABDs on the Job Market

Are you a graduate student on the job market? Are you an advisor with a graduate student going on the market? Would you like to be featured in The Western? Please send your name, a photo, subfields, and a link to your website to be published as a junior scholar on the market in our next newsletter. If you have any questions about this, email Janni Aragon jaragon@uvic.ca or Danielle Lemi dlemi001@ucr.edu.

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2016 WPSA Workshops and Pre-Conference Seminars

Thanks to all our colleagues who responded to our call for information and photos from this year's conference.

Interpretation and Methods Pre-Conference Seminar

On Wednesday afternoon prior to the start of the formal conference, the Interpretation and Methods Preconference Seminar @ WPSA met for the fourth time at the 2016 San Diego meeting. Organized this year by Dvora Yanow and Peri Schwartz-Shea, the topic was "Why Should We Believe You? Evidence and 'Proof' in Field and Other Interpretive Research." We used Alice Goffman's recently published *On the Run: Fugitive Life in an American City* (University of Chicago Press, 2014) as case material on which to ground the workshop. [For other readings, see <http://wpsa.research.pdx.edu/meet/workshops.php#methods>].

Over 20 faculty members and graduate students participated in a lively discussion, contrasting our own readings with published critiques by legal scholars and journalists, including in blogs and high profile media such as The New York Times Magazine and The Chronicle of Higher Education. While many of those present noted that the book's writing was not without its flaws, among the points discussed was that critics often overlooked the substance of the book, sensationalizing, instead, research processes that participant observers often engage to maintain confidentiality of those studied, as well as Goffman's reflective comments about her own emotions in the research. We also noted that her efforts to ensure confidentiality were nonetheless breached, seemingly with ease, by at least two reporters working the internet,

raising questions about the efficacy of privacy measures in field research. Additionally, we found that Goffman seems to have been caught in part by her desire to write a readable work accessible to a broader audience, whereas more academic audiences, including legal scholars, and journalists were reading the book with different evaluative standards and goals than what is customary in sociological participant observation.

The workshop is open to all. Next year's organizer(s), topic, and readings are still being decided.



Latino Politics Pre-Conference Workshop

We had great turnout at this year's Latino Politics preconference workshop with 30 participants throughout the day's four panels. Our workshop kicked off with a timely conversation over campus and academic diversity, moderated by Dr. Xavier Medina Vidal (Univ. of Arkansas). Our great panelists Dr. Ivy Cargile (St. Norbert College), Dr. Sophia Wallace (Rutgers University), Dr. Katsuo Nishikawa Chavez (Trinity University), and Dr. Kim Geron (CSU-East Bay) provided a range of valuable perspectives and advice on navigating campus diversity challenges.

Next, we had guest speaker Ruben Barrales of Grow Elect, speak to the group about the future of Latinos in the GOP. His presentation, moderated by the workshop chair Dr. Christina Bejarano (Univ. of Kansas), sparked an engaging conversation about the role of partisanship for the Latino electorate and how Latino political recruitment needs to start early. We then showcased two emerging Latino politics scholars, graduate students Angela Ocampo (UCLA) and Alvaro Corral (UT-Austin). Their research showcased new areas of Latino politics, including broader investigations over the sense of belonging and the role of religious institutions, which are increasingly relevant to understanding the future of Latino political engagement.

We capped off the workshop with our popular Speed Networking session, where moderator Dr. Marcela Garcia-Castanon (San Francisco State University) rallied a group of remarkable faculty mentors to quickly and efficiently advise graduate students from across the nation (including UCLA, Univ. of Washington, USC, and UT-Austin).



Workshops	Pre-Conference Seminars
<p>Latino Politics Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christina Bejarano, cbejaran@ku.edu <p>EPT Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anatoli Ignatov, anatoli@appstate.edu Peter Cannavo, pcannavo@hamilton.edu <p>Feminist Theory Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cristina Beltran, cbeltran@nyu.edu Elisabeth Anker, libanker@gmail.com <p>Methods Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peregrine Schwartz-Shea, psshea@poli-sci.utah.edu Dvora Yanow, dvora.yanow@wur.nl 	<p>Abolitionist/Decolonial Politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian Lovato, bclovato@gmail.com Eli Meyerhoff, meye0781@umn.edu <p>Human Rights Mini Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison Brysk, alison.brysk@gmail.com <p>Family, Care and the State</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carol J. Nackenoff, cnacken2@swarthmore.edu Joan Tronto, jctronto@umn.edu <p>Teaching and Learning Political Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Forren, forrenjp@miamioh.edu Renee Van Vechten, Renee_Vanvechten@redlands.edu <p>Asian Pacific Americans and Politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Lai, jlai@scu.edu <p>APSA - Professional Development Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kara Abramson, kabramson@apsanet.org

Outstanding Papers Receive Recognition at 2016 WPSA Meeting

The WPSA gave out nine awards at the 2016 Annual Meeting in San Diego. The Award Ceremony took place during the Business Meeting on Friday evening. Here are the comments we received from the award committee chairs on the winning works.

Best Paper Award on Asian Pacific Americans and Politics

For an outstanding paper discussing issues and problems that concern Asian Pacific Americans

Recipient: Neil Visalvanich, Durham University (pictured), "Asian Candidates in America: An Experimental and Observational Look"

Award Committee Chair: James Lai, Santa Clara University



Neil Visalvanich's paper explores the candidacies of Asian Americans with an experiment run through Amazon Mechanical Turk as well as real world evaluations of Asian American candidates using the Cooperative Congressional Elections Study. Through his experiments, he finds that Asian candidates do significantly better than white candidates across different biographical scenarios (conservative, liberal, and foreign). He finds that, contrary to expectations, Asian candidates are not significantly disadvantaged from being immigrant and foreign-born. He also finds in his experimental results that Asian Democrats are significantly advantaged even when compared to white candidates. The results show that Asian candidates in America face a set of racial-political stereotypes that are unique to their racial group.

Betty Nesvold Women and Politics Award

For the best paper on women and politics presented at the previous WPSA annual meeting

Recipient: Catherine N. Wineinger, Rutgers University (pictured), "How Can a Black Woman be a Republican? An Intersectional Examination of Identity Politics in the Mia Love Campaign"

Award Committee Chair: Kimberly Nalder, California State University Sacramento



The Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession presents the Betty Nesvold Award to Cathy Wineinger, a graduate student at Rutgers, for her paper, "How Can a Black Woman be a Republican? An Intersectional Examination of Identity Politics in the Mia Love Campaign." Cathy's paper stood out to us for its

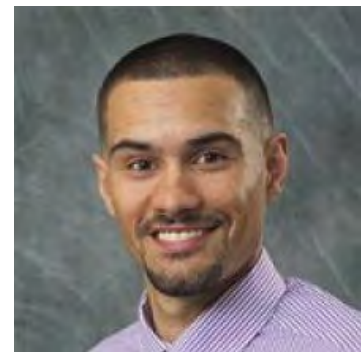
theoretical and methodological contributions to the study of stereotypes and identity in political campaigns. Theoretically, Cathy successfully incorporates intersectionality (race, gender, and political party) into the study of identity and stereotype effects. Methodologically, Cathy analyzes real projections and perceptions of Love's campaign, to overcome the problems of external validity which plagues many studies interested in the role of stereotypes and identity. Moreover, Cathy looks at campaign materials, as well as social media, and news coverage, to get a broad understanding of whether and how identity and stereotypes present themselves through the course of a campaign. This paper is an ambitious and innovative study, and we are proud to give her this award.

WPSA Best Paper on Blacks and Politics

For an outstanding paper discussing issues and problems that concern most Black Americans

Recipient: Christopher Towler, Western Washington University (pictured), "Far-right Sympathy and Racial Intolerance: Race, Integration and Reactionary Conservatism in the 1960s"

Award Committee Chair: Eric McDaniel, University of Texas at Austin



Christopher Towler's historical examination of far-right sympathy provides a unique path for understanding contemporary politics. By examining the attitudes of those in the 1960's, he provides a detailed and nuanced understanding of why we periodically witness the rise of the far-right. Specifically he focuses on reactionary conservatism, a conservative response to broad social change. Though an historical analysis of the 1960's he is able to demonstrate that classic explanations of far-right sympathy, such as small government, are not enough. He demonstrates that part of the negative reaction to the changes of the 1960's is based on racial and religious attitudes.

What makes Christopher's paper so intriguing is his mixture of qualitative and quantitative data. He is able to construct a well-developed narrative using elite rhetoric to demonstrate the various themes presented by the far-right as they attempted to push back against the racial and social changes of the 1960's. He is able to add another layer to these data by introducing survey data that demonstrates the factors that led members of the mass citizenry to support these leaders. This paper is important because it helps explain an historical phenomenon, while at the same time offering an explanation for the current political climate. Because of this, the committee believes his work will make a strong contribution to a variety of fields in the discipline.

Charles Redd Award for Best Paper on the Politics of the American West

For the best paper on the politics of the American West presented at the previous WPSA annual meeting. This award is offered jointly by the WPSA and the Charles Redd Center for Western Studies of Brigham Young.



Deserai A. Crow



Lydia A. Lawhon



Elizabeth Koebele



Adrienne
Kroepsch



Rebecca Child



Juhi Huda

Recipients: Deserai A. Crow, Lydia A. Lawhon, Elizabeth Koebele, Adrienne Kroepsch, Rebecca Child, and Juhi Huda, University of Colorado – Boulder (pictured), “Information, Resources, and Management Priorities: Agency Outreach and Mitigation of Wildfire Risk in the Western United States”

Award Committee Chair: Shane Day, University of New Mexico

The Award Committee for the 2016 Charles Redd Award for Best Paper on the Politics of the American West would like to announce that it has unanimously selected Deserai Crow, et al.’s paper, “Information, Resources, and Management Priorities: Agency Outreach and Mitigation of Wildfire Risk in the Western United States” as this year’s winner. This work makes a nice contribution to our evolving understanding of land issues and the roles of public and private stakeholders in the rural west. It is also very timely given recent conflicts between various stakeholders and governmental land managers. The paper’s central point – that interpersonal, individualized approaches to fire control seem more effective – clearly has broader applications to a variety of environmental issues. Its focus on the themes of social capital, community connectiveness, and trust should also prove to be interesting to scholars whose work touches on these areas in their own policy issue domains. Furthermore, the committee found the paper to be both methodologically sound while still remaining accessible to a broad readership. This is a polished, thoughtful, and timely piece of research which should be considered seriously for publication now.

Best Dissertation Award (\$250)

For the best doctoral dissertation completed at a university within the regional groupings of the WPSA between July 1 and June 30 of the previous academic year

Recipient: Julian D. Gottlieb, University of Seattle (pictured), “The Protest News Framing Cycle: How News Attention and Framing Change over the Course of a Protest” (completed at the University of California, Santa Barbara)



Award Committee Chair: Brian Robert Calfano, Missouri State University

The committee received almost two dozen submissions for consideration for the WPSA’s best dissertation award. The depth and breadth of projects nominated were impressive, as was the quality of each nominated paper. In the end, the committee selected Julian Gottlieb’s dissertation for the award. Julian’s dissertation examines the relationship of news organizations and protest movements. It asks three primary research questions. First, how does news attention to a protest rise and fall over time? Second, do news organizations pay attention to the causes and grievances of protesters? Third, how does news framing of a protest change over time?

To answer these questions, Julian conducted a content analysis of the news coverage of Occupy Wall Street and the G20 protests in London, Pittsburgh and Toronto. The study identifies longitudinal changes in news frames about the substantive issues of a protest and the conflict that ensues between protesters and city officials during a protest. His findings suggest that conflict has a significant impact on the number of news stories about protests. Further, the results demonstrate how news framing opportunities change as a movement reaches different stages of the news attention cycle. The cases he studied illustrate that when the protests grew, journalists focused on the protesters’ grievances, including economic inequality, bank bailouts, ending the Iraq War, and climate change. As the movements peaked, news attention shifted to the intensifying conflict between city officials and protesters. Ultimately, prolonged conflict is typically followed by a decline in protest news interest.

Environmental Political Theory Best Paper Award

For the best paper in environmental political theory (EPT) presented at the previous WPSA meetings

Recipient: Margaret E. Farrar, John Carroll University (pictured), “Sustainable Places”



Award Committee Chair: Justin Williams, University of Michigan

The committee for the Best Paper Award in Environmental Political Theory has selected Margaret Farrar’s “Sustainable Places” to receive this year’s award. In her own words, Farrar’s paper explores “what happens when one version of sustainability (specifically, cultural heritage or historic sustainability) runs up against another (ecological sustainability).” It’s a pressing problem for

environmental politics, and one that Farrar deftly examines by turning to a fascinating case study: Bishop Hill, a former Utopian community turned architectural and cultural heritage tourism site in rural Illinois. Farrar studies Bishop Hill at a pivotal moment in the town's identity: wind turbines are slated to be developed in the surrounding area, and some residents are intensely opposed to that development on the grounds that it threatens the town's historical heritage identity. Farrar examines this question in a tightly organized, elegantly written, and incredibly interesting way. Farrar deployed an impressive array of methods to capture an image of Bishop Hill, not only consulting the relevant academic literatures and conducting interviews, but also digging through historical archives. For its creativity, contribution to environmental political theory, methodological robustness, and excellent writing, the committee is pleased to award the best paper prize in EPT to Margaret Farrar.

WPSA Best Paper Award on Latina/Latino Politics

For an outstanding paper on Latina/Latino politics and its relative aspects



Alex Street



Chris Zepeda-Millan



Michael Jones-Correa

Recipients: Alex Street, Carroll College; Chris Zepeda-Millan, University of California, Berkeley; and Michael Jones-Correa, Cornell University (pictured), “Political Effects of Having Undocumented Parents”

Award Committee Chair: Christina Bejarano, University of Kansas

The WPSA Latino Status Committee was pleased to receive 18 great nominations for the 2015 Best Paper on Latino Politics. This year’s award winners are Alex Street (Carroll College), Chris Zepeda-Millan (University of California, Berkeley), and Michael Jones-Correa (Cornell University) for their exceptional paper “Political Effects of Having Undocumented Parents.” This timely paper provides a broader look at the political ramifications of our current immigration system. It is estimated that 4 million undocumented residents are the parents of about 5 million U.S. born (citizen) children. The authors used original survey data on some of these young U.S. born Latinos to assess the impact of parental legal status on their civic and political socialization. They found that the children of undocumented parents are actually more politically engaged around immigration issues, and more optimistic that popular pressure can induce political change.

Pi Sigma Alpha Award

For the best paper presented at the previous WPSA annual meeting

Recipient: Christopher Holman, Nanyang Technological University (pictured), “Machiavelli and the Constellative Use of History”

Award Committee Chair: Andrew Valls, Oregon State University



In “Machiavelli and the Constellative Use of History,” Christopher Holman presents a fresh analysis of Machiavelli’s familiar texts. He argues that the tension between Machiavelli’s use of history on the one hand and his claims to originality on the other can be resolved by appreciating how Machiavelli’s use of history is precisely in the service of demonstrating the possibility of novelty and creativity. Holman’s analysis is informed by a deep familiarity with the primary texts, by wide and critical reading of the secondary literature, and by contemporary political theory more generally. The paper is more than just a new look at a familiar figure in the history of political thought, but has broader implications. Machiavelli’s use of history, Holman persuasively argues, can serve as a fruitful model for our own investigations. Holman’s paper is deeply researched, beautifully written, and an important contribution to both the study of Machiavelli and to the study of political theory.

Political Research Quarterly Best Article Award

For the best article published in Political Research Quarterly during the calendar year preceding the annual meeting



Mirya R. Holman



Monica C. Schneider



Kristin Pondel

Recipients: Mirya R. Holman, Tulane University; Monica C. Schneider, Miami University; and Kristin Pondel, GfK (pictured), “Gender Targeting in Political Advertisements” (December 2015 PRQ Article)

Award Committee Chair: Ben Bishin, University of California, Riverside

To what extent do campaigns appeals to group identities effectively motivate voters? Examining how politicians appeal to women, this paper examines how candidates employ appeals to group

identities in American campaigns. In particular, the authors nicely account and assess women's degree of group identification rather than just assuming it due to their gender. The authors find that only female candidates are able to prime women's gender identity through such appeals, however, male candidates can improve their standing among women by making such appeals. This important and well-written paper adds substantially to a campaigns literature that primarily focuses on issue positioning and typically overlooks the power of group identification in motivating voting behavior.

The PRQ Award Committee also gave an Honorable Mention to Mehmet Gurses (pictured), Florida Atlantic University, for his March 2015 PRQ article: "Transnational Ethnic Kin and Civil War Outcomes".



Women Also Know Stuff

Have you heard about [Women Also Know Stuff](#)? Women Also Know Stuff was founded by Samara Klar, University of Arizona. The site is meant to showcase the expertise of woman-identified scholars in Political Science. You can also follow them on Twitter: @womenalsoknow

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Change of Venue for 2017 Meeting in British Columbia

There has been a change in location for the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. The Association was recently informed that the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria will be going through a major renovation during the scheduled meeting time. As a consequence, the meeting is going to be moved to the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver, British Columbia. While the Association's leadership was disappointed to learn of the renovations at the Empress, the Hyatt Regency is an excellent conference hotel and Vancouver is a beautiful, modern city nestled between the Pacific Ocean and the Coastal Mountains. It will be a great place to celebrate the Association's 70th anniversary.

WPSA President Julie Novkov and Program Chair Stephen Nicholson are planning the 2017 Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for April 13-15, 2017. Information regarding the program

and additional WPSA news is found on our website: <http://wpsanet.org>. Please note that the deadline for submission of participation forms is September 18, 2016. The forms will be available in early June for submission. Please check now to make sure your passport is up to date. We look forward to seeing you in Vancouver next April!

WPSA to Begin Search for New PRQ Editors Later This Year

The Western Political Science Association will soon be announcing the search for a new editor for *Political Research Quarterly (PRQ)*. The term of the current editors will expire on June 30, 2018. The Association will be seeking nominations of qualified individuals to edit the journal from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022. Complete information about the search will be made available in early September on the Association's web site at <http://wpsanet.org>. Some preliminary information has already been posted at this site.

PRQ is a highly ranked general journal of political science, which is owned and published by the University of Utah. The journal aims to record advances in the understanding of politics in all areas by publishing scholarly articles representing the highest standards of excellence, and reflecting a full range of substantive interests, theories, and approaches defining contemporary political science. According to the Journal Citation Reports (JCR), *PRQ*'s impact factor and rankings has risen steadily over the past decade. Today *PRQ* ranks among the top political science journals in the total number of citations. The editor is responsible for the substantive content of the journal. Requests for more information should be submitted to Richard Clucas, WPSA Executive Director, at hprc@pdx.edu.

Executive Council Approves New EPT Book Award

The WPSA Executive Council approved a new award for the best book in Environmental political theory (EPT) at its meeting in San Diego. The "Clay Morgan Award" is meant to honor Clay Morgan, a long-time acquisitions editor who did much to develop the field before retiring in January 2014.

The annual award recognizes outstanding scholarship, published in a book-length monograph, which utilizes the resources, literatures, and approaches of the field of political theory to address intersections between contemporary or historical environmental challenges on the one hand and the philosophical and ideological concepts, principles, and debates animating political life on the other.

EPT is a burgeoning field of study and inquiry rooted in the discipline of political science but also represented in other disciplines and interdisciplinary fields. The WPSA Annual Meeting has established itself as one of the world's premier venues for work in this field, attracting scholars from across North America and abroad. In addition to hosting the annual EPT Workshop, the WPSA is, to our knowledge, the only North American political science

association with a workshop devoted to EPT. Thus an award sponsored by the WPSA is especially appropriate.

The author who wins the award will be formally recognized during the Association's annual business meeting. The author will also be invited to participate in a roundtable panel at the WPSA annual meeting at which the winning book is the subject of discussion. The award was approved under a set of new rules adopted by the Executive Council last year, which allow for the creation of non-monetary awards.

Council Establishes New Policy Protecting Your Privacy

The WPSA has not had a privacy policy in the past, so the Executive Council decided in April that it was time to adopt one. The new privacy policy, which was approved unanimously by the council, is very simple: we will not share members' information with outside groups.

The full language of the policy will soon be posted on the Association's website, but here is the introduction: "The Western Political Science Association is committed to protecting your privacy. As part of this commitment, we do not share personally identifiable information provided through the membership and registration forms with outside organizations or individuals, except for trusted partners who are conducting work expressly on the Association's behalf, such as the publishers of our journals. All such third parties are prohibited from using your personal information except to provide these services to the Western Political Science Association, and they are required to maintain the confidentiality of your information.



Future Planning Committee Releases Report and Survey

Earlier this year, the WPSA conducted a survey of its members. One of the most impressive findings is that a large majority of the 360 respondents (70% to be more precise) say that we are more welcoming and more inclusive than other associations. Around half think we are better at intellectually innovating and integrating work. The survey results are part of a report that was just released by the WPSA's Future Planning Committee.

At the March 2015 meeting, the WPSA Executive Council created the Future Planning Committee to investigate issues related to the "smart growth" and long-term planning for the health and vitality of the Association. Among the issues that the Committee discussed were developing growth strategies, providing alternative conference formats, creating a formal mission statement, encouraging more conference panels on changes in higher education, and moving the conference to non-holiday weekends.

The Planning Committee presented its findings to the Council in April. If you are interested, the Committee's report, along with the survey results, is available on the WPSA's website.

Association Signs Contract for L.A. Live Conference in 2020

WPSA Executive Director Richard Clucas signed a contract in May to bring the Association to the J.W. Marriott located at L.A. Live in Los Angeles in 2020. L.A. Live is the entertainment complex adjacent to Staples Center and the Los Angeles Convention Center. With numerous restaurants and watering holes nearby, it is in one of the most lively and accessible parts of downtown Los Angeles. It is also right on a Metrolink line. The hotel itself is a good fit for our conference needs, so it should be a great location. Other upcoming conferences are the San Francisco Hyatt Regency in 2018 and the San Antonio Hyatt Regency in 2019.

WPSA Endowments Need Your Support to Meet Goals

The WPSA created three endowments in 2014, but thus far we have had very few contributions to them. We need your support for them to succeed. If you are a long-time member, please think seriously about contributing. If you are a new member, you are welcome to contribute too!

One of these endowments is for an award honoring Betty Moulds, who served for 25 years at the chief administrator for the WPSA. The Betty Moulds Lifetime Service Award will be given to individuals who have made a long history of service and an extraordinary contribution to the WPSA.

The second endowment is to honor Joel Olson, an associate professor of political theory at Northern Arizona University and a long-time WPSA member who passed away unexpectedly in March 2012. The Joel Olson Award will be given to activist-scholars whose work is at the creative intersection of radical political theory and practice. The awards honoring Betty Moulds and Joel Olson will be funded entirely by their endowments, so your support is essential for them to be launched. The Joel Olson Award has received particularly little support, so please consider helping it out and recruiting friends to do so too.

The Executive Council also created the WPSA Endowment Fund, which will be used to help protect the long-term financial security of the Association and to provide funding for special projects.

Please consider making a donation to any of these endowments. While we have not formally established endowments yet for the other annual awards, we have begun accepting donations for them as well. At this point, we are tucking aside those donations so we can eventually use them in an endowed account. The WPSA is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization; as such, your contributions are fully tax-deductible, as permitted by law. To make a donation, go to: <http://wpsa.research.pdx.edu/about/donate.php>

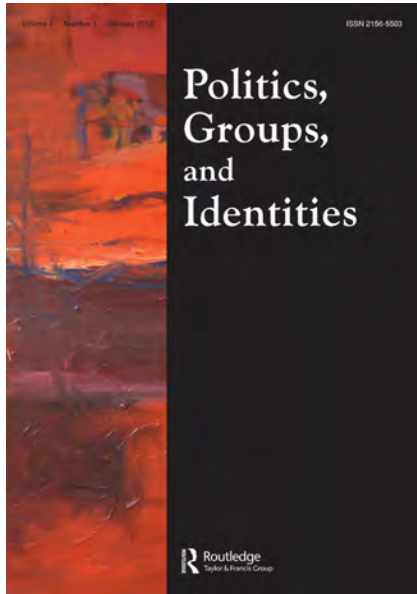
WPSA Announces New Editors of *Politics, Groups, and Identities*

The Western Political Science Association would like to announce the selection of a new team of editors for the *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. With a home base at Purdue University, the new team consists of

Nadia E. Brown Associate Professor Purdue University	Pei-te Lien Professor UC Santa Barbara	Anna Sampaio Associate Professor Santa Clara University
Valeria Sinclair-Chapman Associate Professor Purdue University	Natalie Masuoka Associate Professor Tufts University	Eric N. Waltenburg Associate Professor Purdue University
Rosalee A. Clawson Professor and Head Purdue University	James A. McCann Professor Purdue University	S. Laurel Weldon Distinguished Professor Purdue University

Clawson, Masuoka, McCann, Sampaio, Waltenburg, and Weldon were part of the first team of editors to oversee *PGI*, one of the two official journals of the association. Brown, Sinclair-Chapman, and Lien are new. The Association would like to thank Ange-Marie Hancock, University of Southern California, for her hard work in helping to edit the journal from its

inception up through the start of the new editors' term. The new team will be editing the journal from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2020. The four-year term is renewable for a single two year optional extension. The team was recommended by a selection committee chaired by Melissa Michelson, Menlo College, and approved by the WPSA Executive Council at its April meeting in San Diego. The other members of the search committee were:



Lonna R. Atkeson, University of New Mexico
Louis DeSipio, UC Irvine (Incoming WPSA President)
Lorrie Frasure-Yokley, UCLA
Jane Junn, University of Southern California
David Leal, University of Texas at Austin
Todd Shaw, University of South Carolina
Richard Clucas, WPSA Executive Director (ex officio)

Next Conference: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Make sure that your passport is up to date! We will be at the Hyatt Regency, Vancouver April 13-15, 2017. See the [Call for Papers](#).

