

Announcements

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Western Political Science Association (WPSA)

WPSA Endowments Need Your Support

In response to requests from members, the WPSA Executive Council approved the creation of its first endowments in fall 2014. If these endowments are to get off the ground, they need your financial support.

One of these endowments is for an award honoring Betty Moulds, who served for twenty-five 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 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. 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, please visit the WPSA website at <http://wpsa.research.pdx.edu/about/donate.php>.

2016 Annual WPSA Meeting

The 2016 meeting of the WPSA will be held at the Manchester Hyatt in San Diego, California, from March 24 to 26. Julie Novkov, University at Albany, SUNY, is serving as Program Chair for this meeting. Vidya Nadkarni, University of San Diego, is serving as the Local Arrangements Chair.

Proposals for the 2016 meeting are encouraged. The DEADLINE for submission of paper proposals/program participation forms is September 14, 2015. The theme for the 2016 meeting is, "The Politics of Peril and Opportunity." Details about the conference, its theme, the Call for Papers, and proposal instructions appear on the WPSA website: www.wpsanet.org.

The WPSA annual meeting not only offers the opportunity for traditional research presentations and roundtable discussions, but also a place for interested groups to schedule special events and workshops. In addition, if you are part of a research community that is interested in holding a meeting in the spring, we may be able to accommodate your group by coordinating a conference within the WPSA annual meeting. For information about these opportunities, please contact Richard Clucas, WPSA Executive Director, at hprc@pdx.edu.

New Officers and Council Members

Future officers of the WPSA were elected at the Business Meeting held in April 2015, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Stephen Nicholson, University of California, Merced, was elected to the position of Vice President and Program Chair, 2016–2017. He will oversee the program for the 2017 meeting in Victoria, British Columbia, and will serve as President of the Association during the subsequent year. Carrie Currier, Texas Christian University, was elected to serve another three-year term (2016–2019) as Recording Secretary. The following members were newly elected to the Executive Council for the term of 2015 to 2018: Lorrie Frasure-Yokley, University of California, Los Angeles; Ricardo Ramirez, University of Notre Dame; Maruice Mangum, Texas Southern University; and Andrew Aoki, Augsburg College. These new council members will assume their positions just prior to the March 2016 meeting in San Diego, California.

Aragon and Lemi Named New Editors of The Western

The WPSA is pleased to announce that Janni Aragon, University of Victoria, and Danielle Lemi, University of California, Riverside, have been named the new editors of the WPSA newsletter, *The Western*. They should be a great team. Contributions and correspondence should be sent to their email: jaragon@uvic.ca and dlemi001@ucr.edu. *The Western* serves as a forum for scholarly conversations on political science teaching, research, and political events focused on but not limited to the western region. The newsletter is available online at <http://wpsa.research.pdx.edu/pub/western.php>.

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