The Charles Taylor Book Award 2020
Updated Call for Nominations and Revised Submission Guidelines

The Interpretive Methodologies and Methods Conference Group of the APSA calls for nominations for the Charles Taylor Book Award for the best book in political science that employs or develops interpretive methodologies and methods. **In light of disruptions caused by the global coronavirus pandemic, this updated call for nominations extends the deadline for nominations and revises the submission procedure.**

This award is named in recognition of the contributions of Charles Taylor to the advancement of interpretive thinking in the political and social sciences. In his 1971 essay "Interpretation and the Sciences of Man," Taylor powerfully critiqued the aspiration to model the study of politics on the natural sciences and cogently explained how "interpretation is essential to explanation" in the human sciences. This essay, along with Taylor's "Philosophical Papers" and many other articles, book chapters, and volumes, have long been a source of inspiration for scholars seeking to develop and apply an interpretive approach to the study of politics.

The award will be given to a book exploring any aspect of political life that either engages interpretive methodological issues or reports the results of empirical research conducted using interpretive research methods. Eligible books will pursue one or both of these interpretive projects. The book may engage some variety of interpretive ideals or practices philosophically, in keeping with much of Professor Taylor's work and consistent with the sense of methodology as a practical rationality rooted in a set of philosophical concerns and dispositions (e.g., ontological and epistemological assumptions). At the same time or alternatively, the book may take the form of an empirical study that pursues and explicitly reflects on methodological issues surrounding the conduct of interpretive research. The nominated work may be either a single- or multi-authored book or an edited volume.

The award will be announced and presented at the annual APSA conference during the business meeting or reception of the Interpretive Methodologies and Methods Conference-related Group (IMM CG). To be eligible, books must have been published during the two-calendar-year period prior to the year of the APSA meeting, as defined by the book's copyright date. To be eligible for the 2020 Taylor Award, the nominated book must bear a copyright date of either 2018 or 2019. The award committee is under no obligation to make an award in a year in which submissions do not merit such recognition.

Extended Deadline: To be considered for the 2020 award, all nominations must be received by **May 1, 2020** (not April 10, 2020, as formerly announced).

Revised Procedure: Because committee members are currently unable to access physical mail sent to their work addresses, all nominations (1) must be sent via email to the committee chair, Robyn Marasco, at robynlmarasco@gmail.com and (2) must include a request for home addresses so that a hard copy can be delivered to each committee

member no later than May 1. Although exceptions can be made in extraordinary cases, nominators are expected to furnish each committee member with a hard copy of the book. In your email, you may also attach a PDF or include a link to an e-copy as a back-up.

As always, the committee will accept nominations from authors, readers, or publishers and is not requesting any letter outlining the nominated book's suitability for the award.

Members of the award committee for 2019 are:
- Robyn Marasco (committee chair), CUNY-Hunter College
- Erica Simmons, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Matthew Longo, Leiden University

Previous award winners:
2019: Matthew Longo, Leiden University, *The Politics of Borders: Sovereignty, Security, and the Citizen After 9/11* (Cambridge University Press, 2018)

> Honorable Mention: Timothy Pachirat, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, *Among Wolves: Ethnography and the Immersive Study of Power* (Routledge, 2018) and Lee Ann Fujii, University of Toronto, *Interviewing in Social Science Research: A Relational Approach* (Routledge, 2017)

2018: Bernardo Zacka, MIT, for *When the State Meets the Street: Public Service and Moral Agency* (Harvard University Press, 2017)

> Honorable Mention: Shiri Pasternak, Trent University, *Grounded Authority: The Algonquins of Barriere Lake against the State* (University of Minnesota Press, 2017) and Stefanie Fishel, University of Alabama, *The Microbial State: Global Thriving and the Global State* (University of Minnesota Press, 2017)

2017. Sarah Wiebe, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. *Everyday Exposure: Indigenous Mobilization and Environmental Justice in Canada's Chemical Valley* (University of British Columbia Press, 2016)

2016: Daniel Kato, Queen Mary University of London, *Liberalizing Lynching: Building a New Racialized State* (Oxford University Press, 2015)

2015: Davina Cooper, University of Kent, *Everyday Utopias: The Conceptual Life of Promising Spaces* (Duke University Press, 2014)

2014: Paul Amar, UC-Santa Barbara, *The Security Archipelago: Human-Security States, Sexuality Politics, and the End of Neoliberalism* (Duke University Press, 2013)

2013: Sharon Sliwinski, University of Western Ontario, *Human Rights in Camera* (University of Chicago Press, 2011)

2012: No books considered

2011: No award presented

2010: Michael Loriaux, Northwestern University, *European Union and the Deconstruction of the Rhineland Frontier* (Cambridge University Press, 2008)