



Spring 2024 APSA Graduate Student Status Committee Newsletter

Dear Graduate Students,

Welcome to our Spring 2024 newsletter!

In this edition, we have compiled various upcoming resources, workshops, and important deadlines pertinent to graduate students. We are especially happy to highlight the second entry in our virtual professional workshop series, [Navigating the Dissertation Successfully](#), held on Wednesday, March 27, from 3:00 to 4:00 PM EST. Please be sure to register prior to attending.

As we dive into the [exciting events and opportunities ahead](#), we are thrilled to have you on board as part of our vibrant community.

As many of you may know, the Spring season is a bustling time for conferences in our field. Though this year's [APSA Annual Meeting](#) will convene closer to the Fall season, we're also eagerly looking forward to the **International Studies Association (ISA)**, **Western Political Science Association (WPSA)**, and **Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)** conferences, among others. These gatherings offer invaluable chances to engage with fellow scholars, present your research, and expand your academic horizons.

We hope this newsletter provides you with various useful resources and opportunities that will enrich your academic journey!

Warm regards,

APSA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession

WEBINAR WORKSHOP SERIES

► Join us Next Week: "Navigating the Dissertation Successfully"

Join the APSA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession for their second entry to their 2024 virtual workshop series. The dissertation represents the culmination of a graduate student's journey and is the foundation for an academic career.



Wednesday, March 27, 2024 / 3:00 PM EST / [Register for this workshop »](#)

► Q&A: APSA 2024 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant Applicants

This webinar will explain the process of applying for a Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG) and discuss what makes an effective application. This webinar will also feature three current [2023 grantees](#) for a Q&A session about their application process.



Sunday, April 10, 2024 / 2:00 PM EST / [Register for this webinar »](#)

► In Case You Missed It: Watch the Webinar Discussion on "Unpacking the Hidden Curriculum of Conferences"

Watch the first entry to the 2024 Virtual Workshop Series! This workshop covers the critical aspects of conference applications by bringing perspectives from individuals at different career stages and relationships to conferences.



[Watch the webinar discussion here »](#)

SUPPORT

6 Pieces of Advice to Help You Make the Most of Upcoming Conferences

Conferences are not only about presenting your research but also about building connections within the academic community. Learn how to navigate and maximize your experience at the upcoming conferences.

[Get the latest tips »](#)



SPOTLIGHT RESOURCES

[“How to Conference” by Kimberly N. Turner, Christina Boyes, Elizabeth Bennion, and James Newman](#)

Are you ready to conference? Conference attendance and presentation of research are viewed as one of the most important activities for scholars.

[“12 tips to give a solid scholarly talk within a short time frame” by Raul Pacheco-Vega](#)

One of the things I’ve noticed at conferences, workshops and seminars is that we tend to overestimate our abilities to give a talk within a short time frame.

[“Conference Talks” by Jessica Calarco](#)

Conferences are a great opportunity to get the word out about your research and show what an engaging, effective teacher you can be. Get engaging tips for writing, designing, and presenting a top-notch conference talk.

GRADUATE STUDENT FUNDING

Open Applications Starting April 1st for the APSA



Graduate Student Support Fund

The APSA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students has launched a support fund to help students with unexpected emergency costs.

This fund has a quarterly allocation cycle. The March 2024 support fund application process will run as a lottery system. There is no review process—this fund is for graduate student members of APSA, and all applications are eligible if they are active members.

Applications will open on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. EST , and will close on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. EST. [Click here to learn more and to apply »](#)

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

► Upcoming Travel Grants Deadlines for APSA 2024:

Please note: There will be additional travel grant opportunities. We plan to include new grants, including APSA-wide travel grants, in our upcoming newsletters.

- [Political Psychology Distinguished Junior Scholar Travel Grant Award](#) (DEADLINE: April 5, 2024)

► Upcoming Award Deadlines:

- [Hayward R. Alker Best Student Paper Award](#) (DEADLINE: April 5, 2024)
- [Nuno P. Monteiro Award for Best Dissertation in International Relations Theory](#) (DEADLINE: April 5, 2024)
- [Political Psychology Division Best Paper Award](#) (DEADLINE: April 5, 2024)
- [Political Psychology Division Best Dissertation Award](#) (DEADLINE: April 5, 2024)
- [Information Technology & Politics Section Awards](#) (DEADLINE: April 5, 2024)

► Conference and Networking Opportunities:

[Just Research Conference](#)

Just Research is a free, non-competitive, virtual conference for graduate students and early-career political scientists. Submit your proposal for a research paper and mark your calendar for May 9-11, 2024. Their team of organizers will group

submissions into thematic panels with discussants and circulate a conference program by April 22, 2024.

[Language Models in Social Science Pre-conference](#)

UPenn's Department of Political Science and Princeton's Department of Politics are co-hosting an APSA pre-conference at the University of Pennsylvania on Language Models in Social Science. The pre-conference will take place on September 4, 2024. This event will bring together researchers interested in the study of (large) language models (LMs) and their application for the study of social science questions. The application process is now open and will close on April 19, 2024.

[2024 APSA Political Communication Pre-conference](#)

The Pol Comm Preconference will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at the Annenberg Public Policy Center on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. In keeping with the main conference theme, "Democracy: Retrenchment, Renovation, & Reimagination," pre-conference submitters are urged to consider how communication theory, as well as trends in journalism, digital technologies, and our broader media environment interact with – or shape – democratic norms, institutions, and processes.



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