

APSA Section 16: Women, Gender, and Politics Research Section Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 31, 2023

Virtual

6:36 pm pacific meeting called to order.

Welcome (Nadia Brown, outgoing Co-President, present)

Approval of 2021 Minutes (Taken by Anna Mahoney, Secretary, present)

Minutes available here: <https://connect.apsanet.org/documents/apsa-business-meeting-minutes-2022/>

Nadia called for approval.

- Unanimous vote to approve.

Treasurer's Report (Prepared by Young-Im Lee, Treasurer, present)

- Section Fund Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year: \$98,814.85
- Section Fund Balance as of December 31, 2022: \$72,229.60
- Young-Im shared delays from APSA for more accurate, real-time numbers. We continue to discuss the use of funds including the continuation of our research and travel grants and future requests for co-hosting various receptions at in person conferences.

Section Awards (Presented by Nadia Brown, Co-President, present)

Politics & Gender Best Article Award

"Out of the Shadows: The Women Countering Insurgency in Nigeria" Daniel E. Agbibo, Assistant Professor, Harvard University

The Okin-Young Award in Feminist Political Theory, Co-Winners

"Feminist Demands and the Problem of Housework" Katrina Forrester, John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Social Sciences, Harvard University

"Choreographing Affective Solidarity: The Choral Politics of Responding to Loss" Danielle Hanley, Assistant Professor, Clark University

Public Engagement Award

Julie Novkov, Professor, University at Albany: SUNY

2023 Best Paper Presented at WGPR Section APSA 2022

"The Political Consequences of the Mental Load" Ana Catalano Weeks, Senior Lecturer, University of Bath

Best Dissertation Award

“Laments of Getting Things Done: Bureaucratic Resistance Against Female Politicians in India”
Bhumi Purohit, Assistant Professor, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University

Best Dissertation Award – Honorable Mention

“CLOISTERED INFERNOS: The Politics of Self-Immolation in the Persian Belt” Sara Hassani,
Assistant Professor, Providence College

Small Grant Awards: (2023 Committee: Yalidy Matos, Lahoma Thomas, Swati Parashar, Robin Turner, Guillermo Caballeros. Chair: Kanisha Bond. Ex Officio: Young-Im Lee. / 2022 Committee: Lorna Bracewell, Meredith Loken, and Malliga Och. Chair: Sarah Allen Gershon. Ex Officio: Pedro dos Santos)

- a. Angie Torres-Beltran (Cornell)
- b. Dhana Hamal (Johns Hopkins)
- c. Sara Morell (Michigan)
- d. Anne Whitesell (Miami Univ of Ohio)
- e. Francisca Castro (Berlin Graduate School)
- f. Ariel Mekler (CUNY Graduate Center)
- g. Matilde Ceron (European University Institute)
- h. Komal Preet Kaur (Colorado, Boulder)
- i. Ashley Daniels (Georgetown/Black Girls Vote)
- j. Natasha Behl (Arizona State)
- k. Christina Gregory (Lamar Univ)
- l. Adaugo Pamela Nwakanma (Harvard)
- m. Carissa Cunningham (Rutgers)
- n. Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson (Tufts)
- o. Kara Hooser (U of Chicago)
- p. Lauren Chojnacki (Vanderbilt)
- q. Mujtaba Isani (German Center for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM))
- r. Sumin Lee (Texas A&M University)

Calls were made to encourage folks to serve on both award committees as well as small grant award committees. In particular, committee chair, Kenisha Bond, encouraged applicants to think broadly about the support they need to complete their projects – including editorial support and childcare support. Research grants may be used for travel to APSA conferences in future.

Politics & Gender Report

(Kelly Dittmar, Associate Editor)

The Rutgers-based team has finished the first year of its editorial term.

Because the team includes all Rutgers Women & Politics faculty, we have added a new associate editor, Paru Shah, who joined the department and the Center for American Women and Politics in July.

Our editorial board remains in place and includes more than 40 colleagues, reflecting diversity in the field by research specialization, seniority, and institution type.

Perhaps the headline update from this year is that we have now managed to clear a lot of our backlog with an increased page allowance from CUP. Previously, it took around 2 years for accepted articles to appear in print. In comparison, the articles in the current September issue appeared on FirstView between September 2022 and March 2023.

This means that new submissions are likely to be placed in an issue relatively quickly, hopefully now between 6 and 12 months of being accepted. This is particularly good news for junior scholars.

In terms of new initiatives, we organized an online publishing session last October, which was attended by more than 100 early career researchers from around the world.

The contributions were collected as a Critical Perspectives section, published in the March issue, co-edited by graduate students Brit Anlar at Rutgers and Hannah Phillips at Oxford.

The other contributors included Jamil Scott, Celeste Montoya, Aksel Sunstrom, Daniel Hohmann, and past and current editors Susan Franceschet, Christina Wolbrecht, and Mona Lena Krook.

The topics cover both the submission and review process and the advice, while tailored to a Politics & Gender audience, would also be relevant for other journals – so please feel free to share the essays with your graduate students and junior colleagues.

The journal also published three virtual special issues on abortion politics in the U.S. and around the world; gender, the far-right, and democratic backsliding; and gender and pathways to the U.S. Congress.

We were also able to ungate a previous virtual special on #MeToo in East Asia to commemorate the 5th anniversary of #MeToo last October. The abortion and far-right issues, in particular, attracted a large amount of attention on social media, helping us gain, overall, about 1000 new followers on Twitter (now X).

Finally, we launched a new article type, Notes from the Field, which are short pieces addressing the nexus between theory and practice.

Our first Note from the Field was authored by Julieta Suarez-Cao, the 2022 winner of the section's public engagement award.

Her piece was published in the March issue and discusses her work in promoting gender parity in the Chilean constitutional assembly.

The current September issue also includes a short symposium of NFF articles on what political scientists can do address violence against women in politics, based on a panel from last year's APSA meeting.

We would like to try to include one of these pieces in all issues of the journal going forward -- but because this is a new article type, we don't have much of a backlog. As a result, we are very eager to hear from you with any ideas for future Notes from the Field. If you have any suggestions, please do get in touch with Mona or Kelly with your ideas.

In addition, the journal has started publishing Critical Perspectives sections again, which have historically been some of the most read and cited articles in the journal. Our team hopes to be able to include a CP section in all issues of the journal going forward.

The March issue, the first fully curated by our team, included a CP section on "Teaching Gender and Politics of the MENA," co-edited by Nermin Allam, Marwa Shalaby, and Hind Ahmed Zaki. The June issue included the articles from the "Demystifying Publishing" roundtable for junior scholars that I already mentioned. And the September issue includes a CP section on "Gender and Political Representation in Times of Crisis," co-edited by Diana O'Brien and Jennifer Piscopo.

Again, if you have any suggestions for future CP sections, please reach out to Mona with your proposals.

To conclude, the journal is in good shape, we think. However, there are also some ways that you can also personally help support the mission of journal to help broaden our authorship and readership. First, encourage submissions, especially from junior scholars, who are often the ones doing the most cutting-edge work in the field. Second, read and cite work in Politics & Gender. In addition to expanding knowledge on gender and politics, adding our articles to your reference lists can help increase our impact factor, a metric that is based solely on citation counts. Third, amplify the voices of our authors. Post about your favorite articles, re-tweet our posts and threads, generate and share Cambridge Core links, and assign our articles and Critical Perspectives sections in your classes.

Kelly reported that P&G has not had difficulty securing reviewers unlike many other journals following COVID. She was able to answer questions from the chat including how to get on the editorial board.

During the presentation by Cambridge staffer David Mainwaring, much discussion focused on the future capability of the journal moving to full Open Access. He discussed the current situation wherein authors whose institutions currently have open access agreements are able to publish open access (for details, see here: <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/politics-and-gender/information/journal-policies/open-access-options>)

Further, he and P&G editors in the meeting discussed future possibilities of more citation freedom regarding page limits, etc. as an equity issue.

Thanks to Outgoing Officers and Reminder to Vote on New Slate by show of hands, and zoom poll for grad rep (Nadia Brown)

Officer Slate endorsed by the Executive Council following open Call for Nominations last spring:

Co-Chair Elect: Malliga Och

Secretary: Anna Mahoney

Treasurer: Young-Im Lee

Executive Council Members:

Graduate Student Representative: open poll (Taylor Damann, Andrea Manning, Angie Torres-Beltran)

Angie Torres-Beltran (Cornell University) was chosen with over 60% of the vote.

Announcement of APSA 2024 Co-Chairs and Call for Papers (Nadia Brown, Co-chair)

Thanks to 2023 Co-Chairs Sarah Liu and Mary-Kate Lizotte

2024 Co-Chairs: Andrea Aldrich and Kristen Williams

Future Business (Sarah Allen Gershon and Kanisha Bond, incoming Co-Chairs)

Thank you to Nadia!

Online APSA Conference: Feb 8-9, 2024 "Challenges in Political Science"

Awards committees (2024): Typically, an executive board member chairs a committee with the addition of last year's winner(s), and an additional section volunteer.

Call for award committee service: Please join us in this service. It is a great opportunity for networking but also a rewarding experience and chance to read cutting edge work.

Development of Nominations Committee: Discussion was proposed as to whether the creation of a nomination committee makes sense moving forward to try to increase the recruitment of participants as well as diversify across networks.

Announcement of Listed Jobs

We can circulate your job ads on our APSA Connect Forum and Facebook page, but individual section members can also do this under the WGP Section Forum using the New Discussion button.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. pacific

Minutes taken by secretary Anna Mitchell Mahoney.