

Evaluating the Presidency in the 21st Century:
An APSA Presidents and Executive Politics Micro-Conference

Description: The Presidency and Executive Politics (PEP) Section of the American Political Science Association is pleased to issue this call for papers for a conference on ***EVALUATING THE PRESIDENCY IN THE 21ST CENTURY***, to be held at Chapman University and the Nixon Foundation in February 2022.

Rationale: Presidential politics in the 21st century is different than in other time periods in American history. Or is it? One thing is certain: presidents today co-exist in a hyper-polarized political environment. To address prospects for executive leadership and governance in this sometimes seemingly intractable situation, this conference will evaluate opportunities and constraints for the presidency as we enter the third decade of the 21st century

Call: At APSA 2018, PEP approved a proposal to seek funding for micro-conferences that focus on promoting scholarship by early-career scholars. In accordance with that charge, we seek papers that address the state of the presidency across key points of intersection: Scandal/Independent Counsels; War and Foreign Policy; Domestic Policy and the President's Agenda; and Elections 2020. Moreover, this conference will also seek to provide mentoring and networking for junior presidency scholars. Advancing diversity and inclusion in the profession is a priority of the Presidents and Executive Politics section, and we encourage proposals from scholars from a range of backgrounds, career stages, institution-types, and sub-fields. Proposals should focus on presidential and executive politics broadly understood, but you do not need to identify primarily as a scholar of presidential and executive politics to submit a proposal. Approximately nine junior and six senior scholars in addition to the PEP officers will be selected. Paper proposals will be evaluated by the PEP officer corps.

When and Where: The conference will be held in February 2022 at the Nixon Library, and Chapman University, in Orange, California.

Financial Aid: Financial aid is available via PEP's Centennial Fund through the American Political Science Association. Reasonable travel, lodging, and meal expenses may be reimbursed up to \$1,200.00 per person.

Requirements: Proposals should include a tentative title, a brief description/abstract of the topic, institutional affiliation, and a brief summary (3-4 sentences) of the author's scholarly career to date. Please put "PEP Conference" in the subject line and send proposals to all current PEP officers (deponder@drury.edu; meena.bose@hofstra.edu; bjrottin@central.uh.edu).

Deadlines: Proposals are due by April 15, 2020. Acceptances will be sent out no later than May 30, 2020.

Please direct questions to Dan Ponder, President, PEP, 2019-2020 (deponder@drury.edu).