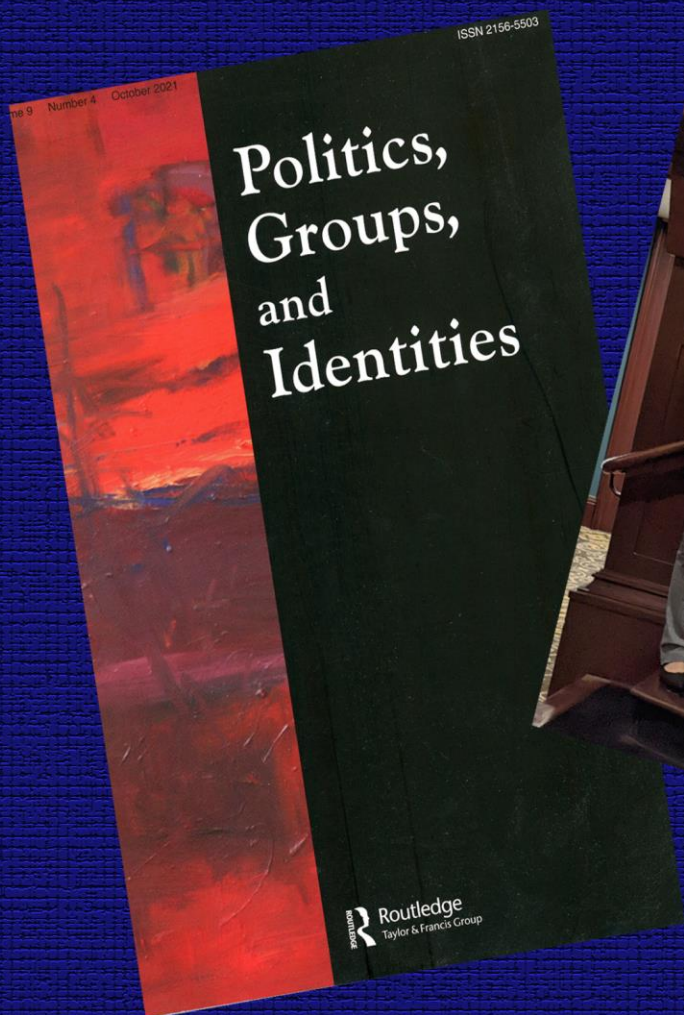


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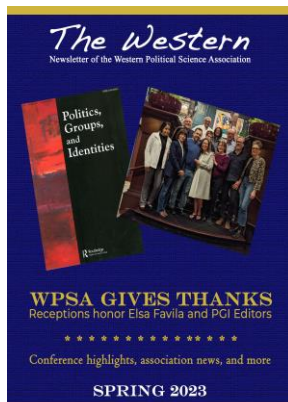
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From the Editors

Welcome to the Spring 2023 issue of *The Western*, the newsletter of the Western Political Science Association. We are looking forward to seeing you all in San Francisco soon at the 2023 annual meeting.

As you work on the final edits of your conference papers, we know that many of you are considering where you might submit those papers for publication. As such, the central focus of this edition of *The Western* is **scholarship**. Specifically, we are pleased to feature remarks from editors of some of the leading journals in political science. *The California Journal of Politics and Policy*, the *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, and *Politics, Groups, and Identities* were kind enough to share news related to their publications and to broadly discuss the types of submissions that they are looking for. The editors of these fantastic journals are looking forward to reading your submissions!

We are also excited to highlight some recent books published by WPSA members. Whether you are interested in the state of the modern presidency, the American administrative state, or the representation of marginalized groups in politics these selections undoubtedly include something for you.

Working on our scholarship, teaching, and professional development can often feel like an isolated pursuit. Fortunately, the WPSA continues to build on its **Virtual Communities Program**. In this issue we include information about these existing virtual communities and how you can become a part of a group that can make the work that we do feel more collaborative.

As always, we also encourage you to pay attention to items about important **announcements** regarding the upcoming conference, changes in the WPSA, and professional and personal notes about WPSA members. In particular, the editors of this publication would like to extend a special thanks to **Elsa Favila** for her excellent work advancing the mission of the WPSA.

This is *your* newsletter. We rely on your submissions and feedback. We hope you reach out to us with ideas, however big and small, to help us build this newsletter into a productive, engaging, and effective resource for the WPSA community! Email us at: thewestern@pdx.edu

- *Chase, Michael, Benjamin & Gwen*

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A Welcome from the Program Chair

76th WPSA Annual Meeting, 2023

As the program chair for the 76th WPSA conference in 2023, I would like to extend my thanks to all of our members, volunteers, and staff for making our meeting in San Francisco a success. I chose our meeting theme “**Unity in the Midst of Disunity: The Role of Political Science in Democracy**” in order to draw attention to the fact that in democracies, citizens will disagree about policies, but at the same time, we should not lose sight of the fact that more unites us than divides us. Building on the enormously successful conference last year in Portland, Oregon celebrating our 75th anniversary, we return to the city by the bay, San Francisco, to celebrate another year together in person with more participation as we recover from the effects of the pandemic. I could not have put together this program without the support and hard work by President Lien, Executive Director Clucas, Associate Director Favila, all the 28 section program chairs, and organizers for the mini conferences and preconference workshops. We also welcomed Julio Castilleja this year as our beloved longtime associate director Elsa Favila retired after her many years of indispensable service to our association. I would just like to extend my appreciation and thanks to all of you who have helped make this conference possible!

As we have returned to a more “normal” conference experience with in person participation, we are delighted to offer nearly 263 panels in the meeting program. We have fortunately returned to a number of panels in our program approximating our pre-COVID experience. As we have done in the past, we continue this year with four preconference workshops on Asian Pacific American politics, undemocratic politics, feminist theory, and community colleges. Under the program chair’s sections, we have highlighted multiple panels which elaborate on the conference theme and represent just a small sampling of our impressive lineup of panels. We also have a special panel hosted by the Russell Sage Foundation on professional development.

This year we have two special events: one to honor Elsa Favila for her many years of service to the association and another to recognize and give thanks to the Purdue team for their years of service making *Politics, Groups and Identities* emerge as a leading journal in our discipline. Join me in thanking Elsa for her years of service to the association, and to the Purdue team for their hard work and dedication.

It has been a pleasure serving as the program chair for the 2023 conference, and I thank all of you who have generously volunteered your talent, time, and treasure to the association. We appreciate you and look forward to continuing the tradition of the Western being the “one professional conference you REALLY want to attend!”

--- Jason P. Casellas, University of Houston

Mini-Conference – Asian and Pacific Islander American Politics

The Asian Pacific American Politics Caucus (APAC) and the WPSA Status Committee for Asian Pacific Americans in the Profession invite you to join the mini-conference on Asian and Pacific Islander American politics at the 2023 annual meeting of the WPSA in San Francisco on Friday, April 7th from 8am-5pm and Saturday, April 8th from 8-9:45am.

In line with this year's conference theme and the mission of the APAC and status committee, our mini-conference features panels that address diversity, disparities, and unity among APAs and with other minoritized groups across a range of topics, including but not limited to, coalitions, geography, ideology, immigration, indigeneity, public policy, and socialization.

In addition, the mini-conference includes two roundtables. The first roundtable features the experiences of APAs in the profession and at various stages of their careers and in different academic institutions. This panel will be focused on the publication experiences of APA scholars at different stages of their professional careers. Given that APA scholars face additional hurdles in publishing their scholarship due to the topics and methodologies of their works, this roundtable will provide a space for minority scholars to learn from best practices and fully understand the challenges of publishing. The second roundtable features the reflections of APA scholars and activists on the role of San Francisco and other localities in shaping politics historically and today.

All of the mini-conferences' offerings, listed below, will be conveniently located in Waterfront A of the Hyatt Regency.

29.1 -Asian Pacific American Politics for the 2020s: opportunities and challenges for empowerment and solidarity

29.2 - Asian American Political Thought: Purpose, Problems, and Polemics

29.3 - Asian Pacific American Political Identity and Representation

29.4 - Professional Development for Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholars in the Discipline

29.5 - Asian Pacific American Politics in the City and Beyond

Journals - Call for Submissions & Updates

California Journal of Politics and Policy

The [*California Journal of Politics and Policy*](#) (CJPP) is a peer-reviewed, academic journal that covers a wide range of subject matter, incorporating varied research methods. For example, in the last two years we have published articles about topics as diverse as health insurance expansion, ranked-choice voting, sexual and reproductive health care, state budgeting, and participation in the census. We welcome articles based on papers presented at the WPSA Annual Meeting. We also consider short, timely, commentary pieces. For more information contact Ted Lascher, CJPP editor, California State University, Sacramento, tedl@csus.edu.

Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics

The *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* (JREP) is one of the few academic journals focused specifically on the racial and ethnic politics (REP) subfield of political science. A journal of the American Political Science Association, and published by Cambridge University Press, JREP just turned seven and has a new editorial team. Christopher Towler (Sacramento State) and Benjamin Gonzalez O'Brien (San Diego State) are both long-time WPSA members and have an exciting vision for the future of the journal. They hope to use their tenure at JREP to build a stronger community in WPSA's REP subfield, but also nationally and internationally. To do so they want to facilitate better mentorship and to have a more visible role as editors at future meetings, but they also need the help of WPSA's members to achieve this vision. They would love to hear any of your ideas for how JREP can better serve the WPSA community, or the REP subfield more broadly. They're also very open to working with faculty to put together publishing workshops or making themselves available to speak to graduate students and junior faculty about the publication process. Chris and Ben are also focused on diversifying the content of the journal and hope to encourage more authors with research considering race through the lens of urban politics, state and local government, political theory, public law, American political development, and comparative politics to submit their articles. Additionally, they know it can be frustrating to wait months and months for a decision on your article, and they are committed to trying to shorten the turnaround time for authors. So, submit your work to JREP! If you have a recent book you'd like to see reviewed in the journal, send an email to jrepbooks@gmail.com. If you have any questions about the journal, the editors can be reached at repjournal@gmail.com. Instructions for submitting your article can be found below:

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-race-ethnicity-and-politics/information/author-instructions>

Political Research Quarterly

Whenever someone receives a rejection letter from *Political Research Quarterly*, we always include this note: "As a generalist journal of political science, PRQ prioritizes scholarship that either (a) makes progress on big questions that engage scholars across multiple subfield or methodological backgrounds, or (b) makes exceptional contributions within specialized fields." But what exactly does this mean?

Our team took over editorial leadership of PRQ with one main goal in mind: to highlight important, relevant scholarship with intentionality. We strive for intentionality, both in prioritizing scholarship that addresses big questions or makes exceptional contributions more narrowly, but our intentionality is also rooted in continuing the legacy of PRQ as one of the leading political science journals seriously engaging notions of diversity, equity, and inclusion. It is with this mission of intentionality in mind that we are excited to lead PRQ over the next few years. We thank the previous team for their hard work throughout their tenure and guidance during our transition period last summer, and look forward to furthering the legacy of PRQ as a journal fully embracing and promoting diversity in meaningful ways.

In building our editorial team, we wanted to ensure our leadership reflected this commitment to an inclusive path. Every member of our team holds one or more of the following identities: Black, Asian, Latinx, Queer, LGB, Trans, or First Gen. Similarly, our leadership comes from a wide variety of academic backgrounds, from liberal arts to R1, from very large to very small schools, and from a variety of states and regions. Finally, our team has widely diverse substantive research backgrounds, with broad interest over a variety of fields and approaches to political science.

As an editorial team, we wear our diversity with pride—it is what makes us uniquely attuned to continue PRQ’s legacy of frontier research. If we are to truly embrace diverse voices and opinions, our leadership must reflect the inclusivity we strive for with the manuscripts we accept for publication.

We encourage submissions across the discipline. If you wonder if PRQ is the appropriate outlet for your work, you might begin by glancing at the online first articles that have been most recently published. You will see we publish a wide range of topics and approaches to those topics, and you most likely will find articles that complement your own research. You might also review the citations in your manuscript. If you have cited PRQ articles, you probably have a manuscript that is a good fit for the journal!

Politics, Groups, and Identities

We are honored to have been selected as the new editors of Politics, Groups, and Identities (2023-2026). This journal serves a vital role in our discipline, amplifying research on populations that have typically been excluded from rigorous scientific inquiry and highlighting voices that have been traditionally underrepresented. We want to thank Nadia Brown, the previous lead editor, as well as her editorial assistants, Gabrielle Panzo and Jessica Castillo, for contributing a considerable amount of their time to help transition the journal from Georgetown University to the University of North Texas and the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. Nadia has been a phenomenal steward of the journal. During her tenure, there has been a significant increase in its submissions, audience, and reputation. We believe that PGI is the premier journal on identity politics and we hope to continue its upward trajectory.

To assist with our editorial duties, we have recruited four coordinating editors: Edwina Barvosa (University of California, Santa Barbara), Danielle Cleland (University of Texas, Austin), Kathryn Perkins (California State University, Long Beach), and Ngoc Phan (Hawaii Pacific University). Each of them are outstanding scholars and we are fortunate that they agreed to join us in this endeavor. We also want to thank all the members of the editorial board who agreed to continue their service to the journal and the new members who have

decided to join us. We do not view membership on the editorial board as an honorific; editorial board members were selected for the depth of their expertise on issues of identity politics and we intend to benefit from their insight to advance the journal. Lastly, but certainly not least, we want to thank Herbert McCullough and Ryan Lambert for the work that they have done and will do as editorial assistants.

Our goal is to continue PGI's reputation as one of the most inclusive, innovative journals in the discipline. Since its inception, the editorial team and board members of the journal have reflected the diversity within the profession. In that spirit, we have made deliberate efforts to ensure that the coordinating editors and editorial board members are diverse not only along the lines of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, and sexual orientation, but also with respect to their school affiliations and areas of expertise. We believe our colleagues from liberal arts colleges as well as colleges and universities with somewhat lower research profiles have important contributions to make to the discipline and we value their input. We also intend to continue PGI's mentorship model of publication. The management of the journal allows for opportunities to offer guidance and productive experiences for professional development for graduate students as well as junior, and mid-career faculty. For instance, the previous editor employed a mentoring ethos for promising manuscripts, offering multiple reviews to aid authors through the publication process. We admire her approach and have adopted her mentorship philosophy into our management of the journal. However, instead of focusing our mentorship during the review process, we decided to concentrate our efforts at the beginning of the publication process. We have included a "reject, but resubmit" decision into our process for promising manuscripts that are not quite ready to be sent out for review. We plan to pair authors given a "reject, but resubmit" invitation to one of our editorial board members so that they can offer constructive feedback on their manuscript that might increase its likelihood of publication. The "reject, but resubmit" invitation offers the vital feedback authors need to get their manuscript accepted for publication without inviting reviewer fatigue.

In closing, we want to thank the leadership of the WPSA for placing their faith in us as lead editors. WPSA leadership as well as the inaugural editors of PGI should be applauded for their vision to found the journal. The foundation that they established and their ongoing support have contributed to the journal's current success. We look forward to our continued partnership as we work toward increasing PGI's readership both nationally and internationally.

--- Regina P. Branton, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Tony E. Carey Jr., University of North Texas

Thank You, Purdue Faculty, For Your Help in Launching PGI

From a few years before the first edition of *Politics, Groups, and Identities* was published in 2013 until 2021, all the lead editors were from Purdue University. In January of this year, a new team took over as editors, severing the remaining ties between the journal and Purdue.

At this important juncture, the WPSA would like to thank these past editors for the work they did in the creation and success of the journal. PGI has provided a much-needed forum for research on groups and identities. Over the ten years that it has been published, PGI has become recognized as being at the forefront of research in this area. The journal would not have been so successful without the editors' hard work and dedication.

The lead editors during this period were:

Rosalee A. Clawson, Purdue University
James A. McCann, Purdue University
Eric N. Waltenburg, Purdue University
S. Laurel Weldon, Simon Fraser University
Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, Purdue University
Nadia E. Brown, Georgetown University

The association will be giving recognition to the journal editors at the awards reception at our annual meeting in San Francisco. The reception will be held on Thursday, April 6, from 6 to 8 pm, in room Bayview A/B at the San Francisco Hyatt.

The association would also like to thank the large group of individuals who provided support to the editors and journal during this period. These individuals are:

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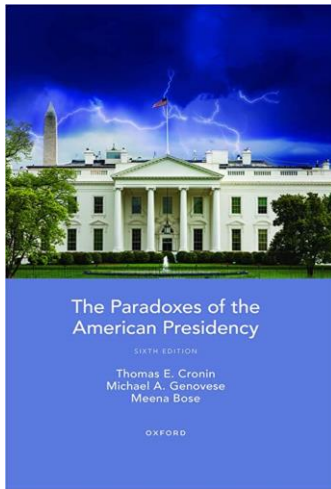
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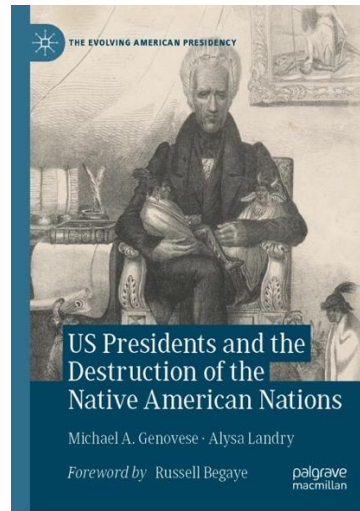
Books

Cronin, Thomas E., Michael A. Genovese, and Meena Bose. 2022. *The Paradoxes of the American Presidency*. 6th ed. Oxford University Press.



The new edition of *The Paradoxes of the American Presidency*--now with three prize-winning presidential scholars: Thomas E. Cronin, Michael A. Genovese, and Meena Bose--explores the complex institution of the American presidency by presenting a series of paradoxes that shape and define the office. The book has been updated to reflect recent political events, including the presidency of Barack Obama; the 2012 and 2014 elections, with greater emphasis on the importance of the Presidential midterm election; the primary and presidential election of 2016; and the 2020 election and beginning of the Biden Administration. This must-read sixth edition incorporates findings from the latest scholarship, recent elections and court cases, and essential survey research.

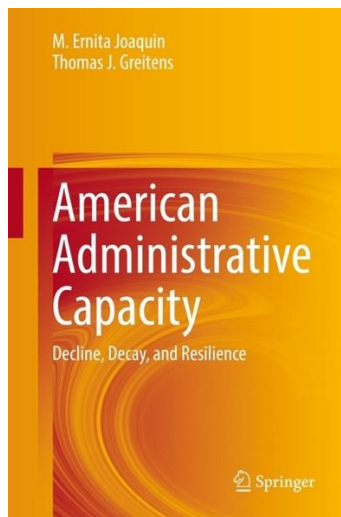
Genovese, Michael A. and Alys Landry. 2021. *US Presidents and the Destruction of the Native American Nations*. Palgrave Macmillan.



This book examines how the United States government, through the lens of presidential leadership, has tried to come to grips with the many and complex issues pertaining to relations with Indigenous peoples, who occupied the land long before the Europeans arrived. The historical relationship between the US government and Native American communities reflects many of the core contradictions and difficulties the new nation faced as it tried to establish itself as a legitimate government and fend off rival European powers, including separation of powers, the role of Westward expansion and Manifest Destiny, and the relationship between diplomacy and war in the making of the United States. The authors' analysis touches on all US presidents from George Washington to Donald Trump, with sections devoted to each president. Ultimately, they consider what historical and contemporary relations between the government and native peoples reveal

about who we are and how we operate as a nation.

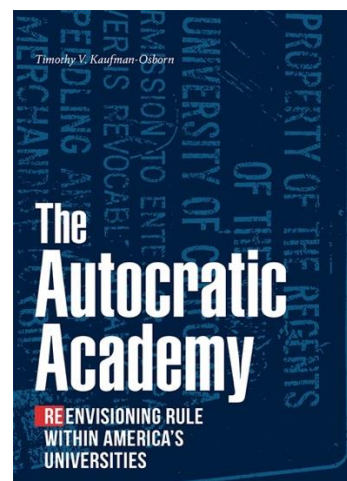
Joaquin, M. Ernita and Thomas J. Greitens. 2021. *American Administrative Capacity: Decline, Decay, and Resistance*. Springer.



This year, WPSA’s annual conference will include a presentation by Prof. Ernie Joaquin, who earned her doctorate in Political Science from Northern Illinois University and currently serving as the graduate director of the MPA Program at San Francisco State University. Featured here is Ernie’s recent book with Prof. Thomas Greitens of Central Michigan University, titled [*American Administrative Capacity: Decline, Decay, and Resilience*](#) (Springer, 2021). Scholars of the **American presidency, crisis management, and bureaucratic politics** will find plenty of material to consider in this work, published at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and the disastrous response that greeted it on these shores. *American Administrative Capacity* zeroes in on the historical roots of the “deconstruction of the administrative state,” that oft-repeated phrase from the early days of the Trump presidency promising a reframing of the civil service. It was the fruition of deconstruction that the book associates

with the decayed capacity that would have been expected of effective crisis governance: *the capacity for problem-solving, management, civic engagement, administrative leadership, and accountability* --- the meat of the book. Deconstruction is wrapped within the evolution of the American presidency, tracing how the theory and practice in public administration of the “energetic executive” later transected the conservative movement’s philosophy of the “unitary executive.” As the Biden administration is now recognizing, grappling with the pervasive impact of the deconstruction movement is just beginning. Rebuilding a bureaucracy that is not sidelined by politics feels like *déjà vu* right out of the progressive reform era. Administrative decay is stultifying, at best, and sabotaging, at worst, the administrative state’s efforts to address one crisis after another, from the staggering dilemma at the nation’s borders to the lingering scourge of the pandemic. Is being resilient enough? [Check out the book here](#) and continue the conversation with the authors.

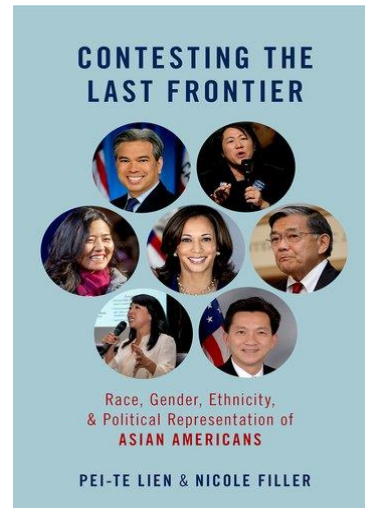
Kaufman-Osborn, Timothy V. 2023. *The Autocratic Academy: Reenvisioning Rule within America's Universities*. Duke University Press.



Critics of contemporary US higher education often point to the academy's "corporatization" as one of its defining maladies. However, in *The Autocratic Academy* Timothy V. Kaufman-Osborn argues that American colleges and universities have always been organized as corporations in which the power to rule is legally vested in and monopolized by antidemocratic governing boards. This institutional form, Kaufman-Osborn contends, is antithetical to the free inquiry that defines the purpose of higher education.

Tracing the history of the American academy from the founding of Harvard (1636), through the Supreme Court's *Dartmouth v. Woodward* ruling (1819), and into the twenty-first century, Kaufman-Osborn shows how the university's autocratic legal constitution is now yoked to its representation on the model of private property. Explaining why appeals to the cause of shared governance cannot succeed in wresting power from the academy's autocrats, Kaufman-Osborn argues that American universities must now be reincorporated in accordance with the principles of democratic republicanism. Only then can the academy's members hold accountable those chosen to govern and collectively determine the disposition of higher education's unique public goods.

Lien, Pei-te and Nicole Filler. 2022. *Contesting the Last Frontier: Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and Political Representation of Asian Americans*. Oxford University Press.

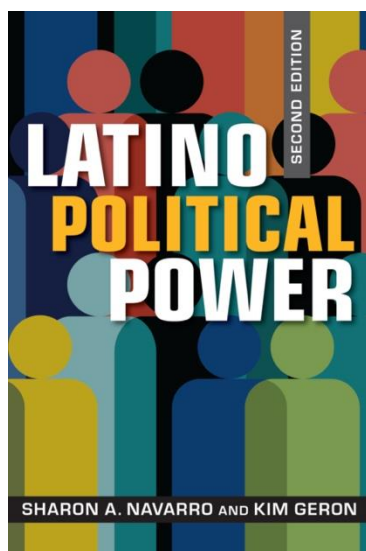


Women of color, including Asian Pacific American (APA) women, have made considerable inroads into elective office in the United States in recent years; in fact, their numbers have grown more rapidly than those of white women. Nonetheless, focusing only on success stories gives the false impression that racism, sexism, and other forms of oppression are not barriers for APA candidates to public office. It also detracts attention from the persistent and severe under-representation of all women and nonwhite men in elective office in the United States.

In *Contesting the Last Frontier*, Pei-te Lien and Nicole Filler examine the scope and significance of the rise of Asian Pacific Americans in US elective office over the past half-century. To help interpret the complex experiences of these political women and men situated at the intersection of race, gender, and other dimensions of marginalization, Lien and Filler adopt an intersectionality framework that puts women of color at the center of their analysis. They also draw on their own original dataset of APA electoral participation over the past 70 years, as well as in-depth interviews with elected

officials. They examine APA candidates' trajectories to office, their divergent patterns of political socialization, the barriers and opportunities they face on the campaign trail, and how these elected officials enact their roles as representatives at local, state, and federal levels of government. In turn, they counter various tropes, including the "model minority" myth that suggests that Asian Americans have attained a level of success in education, work, and politics that precludes attention to racial discrimination. Importantly, the book also provides a look into how APA elected officials of various origins strive to serve the interests of the rapidly expanding and majority-immigrant population, especially those disadvantaged by the intersections of gender, ethnicity, and nativity. Ambitious and comprehensive, *Contesting the Last Frontier* fills an important gap in American electoral history and uncovers the lived experiences of APA women and men on the campaign trail and in elective office.

Navarro, Shannon A. and Kim Geron. 2023. *Latino Political Power*. 2nd ed. Lynne Rienner Publishers.

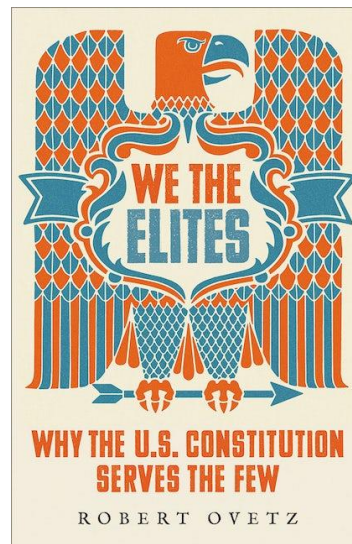


This new, fully revised edition of *Latino Political Power* reflects a diverse

community evolving in its ethnic, racial, and sexual identities, as well as in its voting behavior and party affiliations.

Sharon Navarro and Kim Geron map the transformation of Latino political power from the 1960s to the present. Comprehensive and accessible, their analysis of the complex processes of political incorporation, representation, and inclusion at all levels of government is based on the most current data available. With an entirely new chapter on Latinas as candidates and as elected officials in 2021–2022, discussion of the latest voting-rights cases, and rich case studies throughout, this up-to-date text will provide readers with a solid understanding—and appreciation—of Latino political power today.

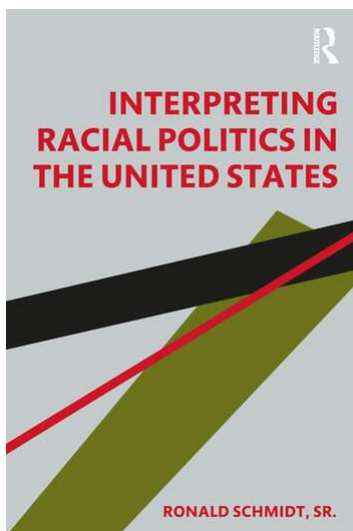
Ovetz, Robert. 2022. *We the Elites: Why the U.S. Constitution Serves the Few*. Pluto Press.



Written by 55 of the richest white men, and signed by only 39 of them, the US constitution is the sacred text of American nationalism. Popular perceptions of it are mired in idolatry, myth and misinformation - many Americans have opinions on the constitution but have little idea what it says.

This book examines the constitution for what it is – a rulebook for elites to protect capitalism from democracy. Social movements have misplaced faith in the constitution as a tool for achieving justice when it actually impedes social change through the many roadblocks and obstructions we call 'checks and balances'. This stymies urgent progress on issues like labour rights, poverty, public health and climate change, propelling the American people and rest of the world towards destruction. Robert Ovetz's reading of the constitution shows that the system isn't broken. Far from it. It works as it was designed to.

Schmidt, Ronald Sr. 2021. *Interpreting Racial Politics in the United States*. Routledge.

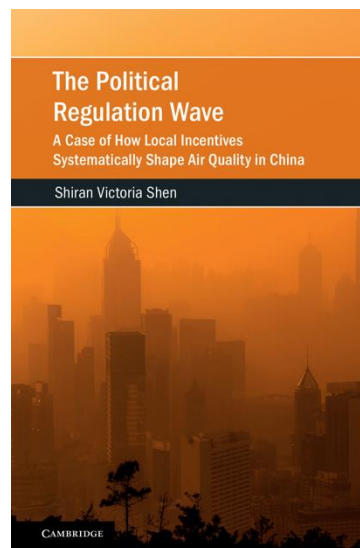


Few subjects of social scientific inquiry need interpretive analysis more than the topic of racial politics, yet most US political science employs a narrowly behavioralist orientation. This book argues that it is time for political scientists studying race to more fully engage the issues that generate its political significance.

Drawing on the work of interpretive political scholars and methods, Ron Schmidt, Sr. addresses core questions

regarding racial politics in the US to demonstrate the value of using interpretive methods to better understand the meaning and significance of political actions, structures and conflicts involving racial identities—not instead of behavioral research but as a necessary addition. *Interpreting Racial Politics in the United States* will greatly enhance the evolving conversations concerning race and inequality within the US. It will be of great interest to students and scholars of politics and sociology, but also to those interested in deepening their understanding of racial politics.

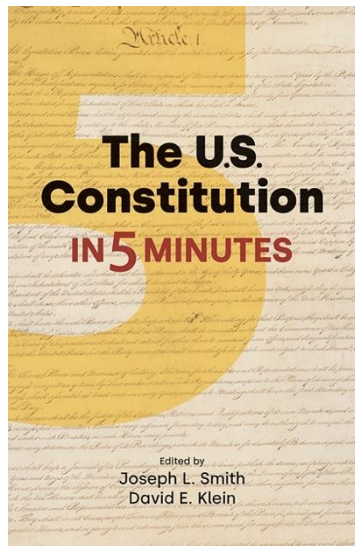
Shen, Shiran Victoria. 2022. *The Political Regulation Wave: A Case of How Local Incentives Systematically Shape Air Quality in China*. Cambridge University Press.



Why has there been uneven success in reducing air pollution even in the same locality over time? This book offers an innovative theorization of how local political incentives can affect bureaucratic regulation. Using empirical evidence, it examines and compares the control of different air pollutants in China—an autocracy—and, to a lesser extent, Mexico—a democracy. Making use of new data,

approaches, and techniques across political science, environmental sciences, and engineering, Shen reveals that local leaders and politicians are incentivized to cater to the policy preferences of their superiors or constituents, respectively, giving rise to varying levels of regulatory stringency during the leaders' tenures. Shen demonstrates that when ambiguity dilutes regulatory effectiveness, having the right incentives and enhanced monitoring is insufficient for successful policy implementation. Vividly explaining key phenomena through anecdotes and personal interviews, this book identifies new causes of air pollution and proposes timely solutions. This title is also available as Open Access on Cambridge Core.

Smith, Joseph L. and David E. Klein. (eds.). 2023. *The U.S. Constitution in 5 Minutes*. Equinox Publishing



The U.S. Constitution was written more than 230 years ago for a new country on the periphery of the world. Two centuries later, it governs the most powerful nation on earth, and its meaning is constantly debated.

The *U.S. Constitution in Five Minutes* presents fifty-nine essays on subjects central to the meaning and application of

the U.S. Constitution. Written by scholars, these essays cover origins; institutions, processes, and structural features; civil rights and liberties; and modes of interpretation and address common questions and misunderstandings about the Constitution, such as:

- Can the president start a war?
- Does the Constitution protect hate speech?
- Does the Second Amendment give everyone the right to have a gun?
- Does the Constitution protect noncitizens?
- How can we tell what the Constitution means?

Intended for anyone who wants a deeper understanding of the underlying principles of the U.S. political system, the book will also be a valuable supplement to political science courses. As with all the “Five Minutes” books, the essays are written in lively and accessible prose and are brief enough to be read in five minutes.

Articles

Alana Jeydel of Fresno City College and **Bill Wilkerson** of SUNY-Oneota have been doing research on women gubernatorial candidates and some of their work was picked up by John Dickerson at CBS news on election night last year. They also had three pieces on their work published in public facing venues: [The Conversation](#); [The Academic Minute](#); and at [Governing](#).

Timothy V. Kaufman-Osborn has published a series of blog posts recently.

1) “An Open Letter to Margaret Spellings and Tom Ross,” *The Pulse*, January 5, 2023, <https://pulse.ncpolicywatch.org/2023/01/05/in-open-letter-to-spellings-and-ross-veteran-academic-urges-dramatic-overhaul-of-unc-system-governance/#sthash.AqIp4JTQ.dpbs>

(complete letter linked within article)

2) Timothy has also recently contributed a few articles to Academe Blog, which can be found here - <https://academeblog.org/>.

Contribute Your Research Highlights

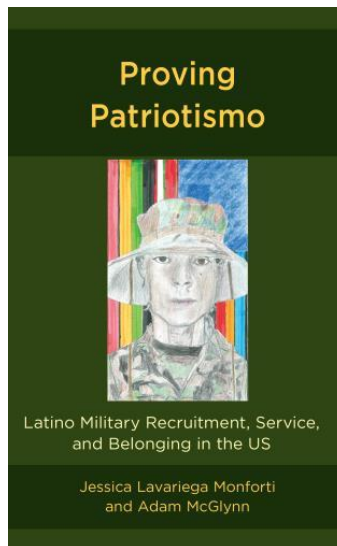
Have an article or book that you want to promote? We would love to hear from you! To have your announcement included in future editions of the newsletter, please email it to thewestern@pdx.edu.

Awards

Congratulations to **Farah Godrej**! Her book, *Freedom Inside? Yoga and Meditation in the Carceral State* was named a runner-up for the Association of American Publishers PROSE Award. *Freedom Inside* was promoted in the fall 2022 edition of the newsletter.

Congratulations to **Jessica Lavariega Monforti** and **Adam McGlynn**! Their book, *Proving Patriotismo: Latino Military Recruitment, Service, and Belonging in the US* recently won an American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education Book of the Year in the Senior Scholar Category.

In *Proving Patriotismo*, the authors examine Latino military recruitment and question whether military service is perceived and functions as a vehicle by which Latinos in the United States can be accepted as first-class citizens and improve their economic station? This work provides the first empirical analysis of the poverty draft by asking over 1,800 Latino high school students in South Texas about their experiences with military recruitment. The authors then employ additional original interview data with high school faculty and administration to assess how the military seeks to attract Latino students. Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are also surveyed to understand their military experience and assess whether their service improved their acceptance as American and improved their post-service quality of life. The work concludes with an examination of national survey data where Latinos provide their views of the U.S. military and Latino military service. The result of this work is a complex picture where the intersection of poverty, ethnicity and patriotism demonstrates why the U.S. military targets a growing Latino population for recruitment and why Latinos in the United States seeking to improve their economic station and their acceptance as American are open to these overtures.



Richard Clucas, WPSA executive director, has been selected as the recipient of the George Hoffman Award from Portland State University (PSU), which is "given annually to a tenure-related faculty member in recognition of distinguished contributions to the University in the areas of instruction, university service, and scholarship (in that order) which are done in the spirit of humanism, civility, and collegiality with particular dedication to students and loyalty to the University." Clucas received his PhD from UC Santa Barbara and has been teaching at PSU for 28 years. He has written extensively on state politics and democratic government, including serving as author or editor of six books, in addition to editing an encyclopedia set on state government. Among his other duties at Portland State, he oversees the Political Science Department's internship program, which places students in positions locally to across the globe, including several hundred who have interned in the Oregon legislature.

Congratulations to **Jane H. Bayes**, who is the 2023 recipient of the WPSA Lifetime Achievement Award! In 2019, Jane wrote an autobiographical narrative of her career. To honor her achievements, we are reproducing an edited version of that narrative.

I began my university teaching career in 1968 in the midst of the civil rights movement and the women's movement. The year before I was hired, 1967, the 25 Black students and the 25 Chicano/a students who were on campus made a demand of the university that in the following year, 350 Black and 350 Chicana/o students be admitted to CSUN and that curriculum be developed that was relevant to them. In response to that demand, I, being white and from the South, was hired to teach Interest Groups and Minority Politics by the Political Science Department. That year was very significant in shaping my career, my teaching and my research as most of the Black and Chicana/o leaders were in my classes that year teaching me more than I was teaching them. I spent the year inviting Black and Chicana/o community leaders to come to my class to teach both me and my students. This experience was reflected in my first two books, *Ideologies and Interest Groups in American Politics* (1982) and *Ideologies and Minority Politics* (1982). The minority politics book included not only sections on Black and Chicano/a politics, but also on women's politics.

In 1982, I was fortunate enough to have a paper based on my two books accepted for presentation at the International Political Science Association meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The number of women attending political science meetings, much less international

political science meetings, was rather small at this time and this situation helped bond together the women who attended them. At this meeting, I was able to meet a number of international women political scientists who were interested in mentoring and working with younger female scholars, women who became important mentors and friends: Fanny Tabak of Brazil, Margaret Rendell of Great Britain, Carol Pateman of the US. This development pushed me to engage more extensively in studying gender and gender politics internationally. I regularly attended the International Political Science Association meetings every three years and became active in the Women and Politics Research Group of that organization.

Another pivotal event in my career was the opportunity I had to attend the Fourth United Nations Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 as one of two official representatives of the International Political Science Association, which is a member of the UN's Economic and Social Science Council (ECOSOC). Attendance at this 2 week meeting was a career changer in that the experience brought together 40,000 women from all over the world to a newly opened China, a place where very few of us had been before. Upon returning from Beijing, many of us who attended that conference organized follow-up meetings in our cities and towns and in so doing were able to break racial and geographical barriers that were politically prohibitive with regard to organizing prior to the Beijing experience.

It was after Beijing that my interest focused on the processes of globalization and gender. After Beijing, a group of us successfully applied for support from the International Social Science Council (ISSC) to establish an international Research Committee on Gender, Globalization and Democratization under their auspices. We first met in Paris in 1998 to plan a book entitled *Gender, Globalization, and Democratization* which was published in 2001. I promptly introduced and taught two new courses at CSUN – one on The Politics of Globalization and the other on Gender, Globalization and Democratization, courses that were new to the CSUN curriculum and at that time, not widely taught anywhere. I also raised enough money to establish an Institute of Gender, Globalization and Democratization at CSUN to partner with the Research Committee On Gender and Globalization and Democratization.

My concern with the politics of the powerless motivated me to be concerned with organizing as a liberating activity that can spark and build social and political change. Early in my career with the support of then Dean Knowles of what was then the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, I was sent to Stanford University to study a program that teamed faculty and students to perform research projects identified by the community to see how such a program might be established at CSUN. I came back and started an interdisciplinary program called Research in Action which teamed faculty and students to execute research projects identified as needed by the community. Many of these projects involved or exposed us to community organizing in a variety of fields: sociology, psychology, anthropology, history, political science, Chicano/a studies, African American Studies. Because we were limited in the number of students we could handle in this program, it lasted only about 10 years, but taught me the importance and excitement of being involved in the community with students. I then established a Politics of Community Organizing course in the Political Science Department which was based more on involving students in internships that involved organizing in the community. I have continued my interest in local community organizing as a transformative process by studying women's community groups in Los Angeles as a prelude to a larger national and perhaps international endeavor. I presented a paper on my findings about Los Angeles women's groups at the Western Political Science Association meetings in 2018.

Virtual Community Updates

The WPSA Virtual Communities Program continues to bring academics together on Zoom for scholarly, pedagogical, and professional development. Each community is led by two or more co-chairs and meets about once a month. In September of 2022, the VC Program launched a [new website](#). The site includes public and private pages for each VC, links to post working papers and other documents, and a public calendar to announce upcoming events. Meeting formats vary widely, including panels, colloquia, reading or writing groups, social events, and more.

So far this academic year, events have included numerous presentations of works-in-progress, discussion of recently published books, several meetings on teaching and pedagogy, and a session on writing conference proposals. The VC on Contemporary Feminist Political Theory hosted an in-person happy hour at the APSA meeting in Montreal, and for this year's WPSA meeting the co-chairs organized a mini-conference with eight wonderful panels, *Feminists Re-Theorize the Political*. The mini-conference includes many members of the VC as chairs, discussants, and panel participants, giving papers on a range of topics that help capture the moment in feminist political theory. The VC on Critical Disability Studies is also organizing in-person gathering at the WPSA annual meeting.

Currently, about 25 co-chairs are leading ten Virtual Communities focused on the following areas:

[Contemporary Feminist Political Theory \(CFP\)](#)
[Critical Disability Studies \(CDS\)](#)
[Diversifying Political Science Publishing \(DPS\)](#)
[Education Politics and Policy \(EPP\)](#)
[Embodied Social Change and Healing Justice \(ESC\)](#)
[Environmental Political Theory \(EPT\)](#)
[Inclusive Teaching and Pedagogy \(ITP\)](#)
[Interpretive Methods in Political Science \(IM\)](#)
[Pandemic Inequity \(PI\)](#)
[Political Theory \(PT\)](#)

All VCs are welcoming new members. Participation is included in regular WPSA membership dues, and there is also a VC-only membership. To see the calendar of upcoming events, and to register for one or more VCs, check out the [VC Program website](#). The website lists a contact person for each VC. For general information about the VC Program as a whole, please contact Mark Brown at mark.brown@csus.edu.

News from the West

New Administrative Structure Moves Forward

The WPSA Executive Council approved a reorganization of the

association's administrative structure last year to handle the myriad of tasks that Elsa Favila handled as associate director. Most of the restructuring has now fallen into place.

Over the summer, the WPSA announced the selection of Julio Castilleja as our new Conference and Membership Coordinator. Julio has taken over the responsibilities of coordinating our annual conference and working closely on membership-related matters. Richard Clucas, the executive director, has taken on greater direct involvement in the financial and bookkeeping duties that Elsa previously handled, as well as a few additional conference planning tasks. We have hired a professional bookkeeping company to provide support. We have also hired a web content manager, Larry Tunseth, to help on our web site. Larry is a senior in the graphic design program at Portland State and comes with several years of experience in web work. We may make one more change, and that is to hire a professional site selection company to help in securing future conference sites.

WPSA Makes the Equity Task Force a Permanent Committee

The Executive Council created a temporary Task Force on Equity, Inclusion, and Access in the Discipline at its meeting in summer 2020. The task force was asked to examine the systemic inequalities that have marginalized scholars within the discipline and to propose recommendations for ameliorating them, particularly for the WPSA and departments of political science across the western region.

The council voted last March to make the task force permanent and to give it a more explicit charge. The task force's new charge is to investigate issues, concerns, and roadblocks that may hinder the position and advancement of different identities and groups in the discipline, the association, and higher education. The task force is being directed to gather information and make recommendations to the WPSA Executive Council to improve equity, inclusion, and access. In order to fulfill this charge, the task force will be

responsible for proving an annual report to the Council pertaining to these issues. The committee may also produce reports and make recommendations at other times.

In creating the structure of the permanent task force, the council decided that the committee's membership should consist of the chairs of the association's six status committees and any new status committees which are created. The WPSA president will also appoint a seventh person, who will serve as chair of the committee. The council decided to include the chairs of the status committees on the task force in order to draw on the expertise and resources of these groups to make a greater collective effort to investigate issues of equity, inclusion, and access. These are the association's current status committees: Committee on the Status of Asian Pacific Americans in the Profession; Committee on the Status of Blacks in the Profession; Committee on the Status of Latinos/as in the Profession; Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession; Committee on First Generation Scholars; and the Community College Committee.

WPSA Council to Vote on Creating a Queer Status Committee

One of the proposals to be considered at the WPSA Executive Council meeting in San Francisco in April is the creation of a status committee on the position of LGBTQ+ individuals in the discipline. The purpose of the proposed committee is to promote scholarship and teaching of queer politics and to advance the interests of individuals identifying as queer in political science as faculty, students, and staff/administrators. The proposed title is the Caucus for Queer Political Science.

The proposal being put forward was developed by an exploratory committee, chaired by Zein Murib, Fordham University. The other members of the committee were: Melina Juarez, Western Washington University; Isabel

Felix-Gonzales, University of Virginia; Scott Seigal, San Francisco State University; and Gabriele Magni, Loyola Marymount University.

In addition to putting forward the proposal, the explanatory committee is scheduled to hold a roundtable on Saturday, April 8, which will include activists from the Bay Area. The committee hopes the roundtable discussion will prompt conversation about what people actually involved in politics want to see from political scientists. The roundtable is receiving support from San Francisco State University and the Western Political Science Association. The title of the roundtable is: "Establishing a Caucus for Queer Political Science." It is scheduled for 10:00 to 11:45 in Seacliff C.

No More Pi Sigma Alpha Paper or Talk, But...

The national organization of Pi Sigma Alpha (PSA) has decided to do away with programs that do not directly support students, including the Pi Sigma Alpha talk and the best paper award. PSA is not disappearing from supporting the WPSA, however. Instead, it wants to provide funding to help underwrite the WPSA's undergraduate poster session and graduate student reception. In the fall, PSA signed an MOU with the WPSA agreeing to provide \$500 for each of those activities (\$1000 total). The funding this year will provide direct support for those events. However, the association is exploring using the poster session funds to provide travel support for undergraduate students who need help to attend the conference. PSA has agreed that this would be an appropriate use of the funds.

While we may no longer have a Pi Sigma Alpha Talk or Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award, we are still going to have talks and awards. The executive council passed two proposals in October in response to these changes, providing for a

continuation of both these traditions, but under the WPSA's name. We will now have a WPSA Talk and a WPSA Best Paper Award.

As of the newsletter deadline, the conference planning team had just secured California Assemblymember, Evan Low, as the first WPSA-featured speaker. Assemblymember Low is a great choice and a perfect fit for the association. Low has been a trail blazer in political representation. Among his other leadership roles, Low currently chairs the California Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus and is a past chair and founding member of the California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus. The talk is scheduled for Friday, April 7, at noon. Please check the final program for the room location.

Council to Consider Travel Grant Program Policies

As part of the WPSA's 75th Anniversary, the association launched a \$100,000 fund-raising campaign to create a travel award program to provide much-needed support for under-funded graduate students and faculty to attend the annual meeting. The council named the award the Elsa Favila Travel Award in October to honor our former associated director. A committee has been developing a proposal to present to the council in April detailing how the grant program will work. If all goes well, the official start of the award program will be the 2024 conference. Please watch for future announcements.

Every year, the association receives requests for support from graduate students and faculty who do not have the funds to attend the annual conference. The travel grant program will provide help to these individuals. If you have not contributed yet to the fund, we would encourage you to do so. Even small contributions are appreciated!

Donations to the association can be made on a one-time only basis or spread

out over multiple months or years. 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:
<https://www.wpsanet.org/about/donate.php>

Changes in the WPSA Executive Council

Pei-te Lien, University of California, Santa Barbara, is serving as WPSA President through the annual meeting of the association in April 2023, which will be held in San Francisco, California. At the conclusion of the meeting, Jason Casellas, University of Houston, will assume the presidency of the WPSA. Lorrie Frasure, University of California, Los Angeles, will become the new Program Chair. The following individuals have been elected to the Executive Council for the term 2023-2026: Ron Hayduk, San Francisco State University; Anand Commissiong, California State University Long Beach; LaDella Levy, College of Southern Nevada; and Yalidy Matos, Rutgers. The terms of the following Executive Council members will conclude immediately prior to the meeting: Fred Smoller, Chapman University; Char Miller, George Mason

University; Sean Parson, Northern Arizona University; and Michael L. Ferguson, University of Colorado. The association thanks them for their valuable service.

Eric R.A.N. Smith Announces Retirement

Pei-te Lein would like to share that Eric Smith, Professor of Political Science at University of California, Santa Barbara, has announced his retirement from the profession after forty-one years of service, effective June 2023.

Contribute Your Personal/Professional Developments:

Have personal announcement such as births, deaths, and marriages and professional developments such as grant opportunities, new conferences and more? To have your announcement included in future editions of the newsletter, please email it to thewestern@pdx.edu.

76th WPSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco
Special Events

“Global Governance in an Age of Mis- and Disinformation”

APSA President’s Address

Lisa Martin
Professor of Political Science
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Noon
Thursday, April 6
San Francisco Hyatt Regency
Room: Waterfront E, Atrium Level



*WPSA Awards Reception
Thursday, April 6
6-8 PM
Waterfront A/B*

*Join us as we honor the team
that started PGI
and other award recipients!*

*WPSA Reception
Friday, April 7
6-9 PM
Waterfront B/C/D*

*Let's honor Elsa Favila for her
career of service to WPSA!*

WPSA Keynote Address

California Rep. Evan Low

*Chair, California Asian American & Pacific
Islander Legislative Caucus; Past chair and
founding member, California Legislative LGBTQ
Caucus*

Noon
Friday, April 8
San Francisco Hyatt Regency
Room: Waterfront E, Atrium Level



A trailblazer in political representation, Rep. Low made history by becoming the first Asian American, openly gay, and one of the youngest persons ever elected to Campbell's City Council in 2006. He made history again in 2009 when he was elected as Mayor of Campbell, becoming the youngest Asian American Mayor in the country. And in 2014, he became the youngest Asian American legislator to be elected to the Assembly in state history at age 31.

Assemblymember Low has been named "Legislator of the Year" by the Internet Association, TechNet, The Computing Technology Industry Association, California Faculty Association, Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, California District Attorneys Association, and Faculty Association of California Community Colleges. He has also served as a community college instructor at De Anza Community College, where he taught American Government and Political Science.