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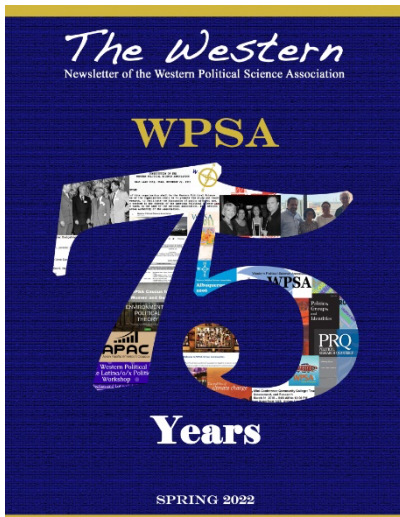
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Recovering, Reconciling, & Rebuilding Community - Making our way toward a New Dawn - Together

In 1946, a group of political scientists from the West were returning from the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. As these visionaries made their way back home, their minds were animated with an idea: to establish a regional association that could celebrate the scholarship and diversity of political science in the West. And, so, it was. The *Western Political Science* met for the first time at the University of Utah in 1947.

Seventy-five years later, that dream birthed on a club car has yielded one of the most reputable associations in our discipline, known especially for its commitment to cutting-edge research and teaching, theoretical and methodological diversity, and inclusive scholarship and pedagogy. More than anything, as a community of scholars and teachers, many of us prize the WPSA for being a welcoming, collegial space where many of our most significant ideas are set into motion. This year, as the 2022 conference theme so aptly reminds us, we indeed seek to “*recover, reconcile, and rebuild*” that community that has been so greatly impacted by the pandemic. As we mourn personal losses, missed professional opportunities and stymied research trajectories, however, our gathering itself – whether in person or virtually – is a testament to our willingness and indeed eagerness to embrace that most hopeful of symbols: the new dawn.

Dawn is full of possibilities. Dawn is the beginning of another day and another opportunity to engage in meaningful work and impact the world around us, to identify and pursue the excitement of the new, while remembering and building on the past.

This edition of *The Western* is designed with that vision in mind. In this newsletter, we have a special section where we reflect on the seventy-five years that have shaped WPSA into the association that it is today. We also highlight some of the many ways that we will celebrate those seventy-five years together at the upcoming annual meeting. But this edition is not solely retrospective; it’s also prospective.

As a new team of editors, we are also actively exploring ways to use *The Western* to build and connect our community more meaningfully around professional and personal achievements and milestones: research highlights, life updates, professional developments, and more. In many ways, our goal as editors is for this newsletter to be much more than a newsletter. As we rebuild together, one of our highest priorities for *The Western* is to foster and build our community. A community for scholarship, yes. A community for pedagogy, certainly. But most importantly, a community for each other. A community that celebrates what makes us colleagues and what makes us value one another. We need your help in doing this! We hope you will reach out to us with ideas, however big and small, to help us build this newsletter together (email us at: thewestern@pdx.edu).

Recover. Reconcile. Rebuild. Let’s light up the new dawn together. Welcome to *The Western*.

- *Gwen, Chase, Benjamin & Michael*

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75th Anniversary Celebration at WPSA 2022 Annual Meeting

We all agree: It's been a tough couple of years, and finally there is something worth celebrating!

We (The 75th Anniversary Planning Committee) have been working to make this conference very special as we search our theme for new ways for “Lighting Up the New Dawn- Recover, Reconcile and Rebuild @75.” So many of our members have expressed praise for WPSA's unique attributes of openness, inclusiveness, and joyful, critical, and politically engaged scholarly exchange. Add WPSA's collegiality and this is the place to regenerate and revive our spirits and intellects this year. “WPSA – the one professional conference I really want to attend!”

We've planned several **anniversary events** that we hope you will attend:

- A **roundtable** on “In the Room Where it Happened: Insiders' Stories of Impactful Decisions, Groups, and Journals of the WPSA” (Thursday, March 10, 3:15-5 pm), to discuss important innovations and impacts that WPSA has had on political science;
- A **roundtable** on “Presidents' Reflections on WPSA's Past, Present and Future” (Friday, March 11, 3:15-5 pm);
- An **Anniversary Dinner/Dance** to celebrate our community's 75 years of history and to mark the beginning of our next 75 years (Friday, March 11, 6 pm to midnight). If you haven't already signed up for the dinner/dance, please do so now: https://www.wpsanet.org/forms/dinner_fundraiser.php

In addition, we've created an **Anniversary Webpage** on our WPSA website that contains three separate pages with links to materials that should be of interest. These are:

- **Histories page**: contains links to narratives of important parts of WPSA's history, including an historical timeline, the early years of the association, the original constitution of WPSA, origins of important subgroups (e.g., the Women's Caucus, the Feminist Political Theory Workshop, the Section on Interpretive Methods and Methodologies) and journals (i.e., the *Political Research Quarterly*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*).
- **Innovations page**: WPSA has been a cauldron of intellectual and organizational innovations leading to important improvements in the discipline of political science. Some of the most significant of these innovations will be highlighted on this page.
- **Graffiti Wall**: this page contains the personal reflections of WPSA members for whom this organization has played an important role in their professional and personal development. Please write something up and contribute to this page!

Another feature of our Anniversary celebration is our **Fundraising Campaign**: We've committed to raising \$100,000 as our fundraising goal, and the monies will be earmarked to facilitate the attendance of graduate students and junior faculty at our annual meetings. Please contribute at: <https://www.wpsanet.org/forms/donation.php>

We look forward to seeing you at the 2022 Annual Meeting!

Planning Committee Members: Ron Schmidt, Sr. (Chair); Ange-Marie Hancock Alfaro; Gary Segura; Jane Junn; Louis DeSipio; Rodney Hero; Richard Clucas; Valerie Martinez-Ebers; Pei-te Lien (ex-officio); Elsa Favila (ex-officio)

2022 Annual Meeting, Portland, OR

A Welcome from the Program Chair

I am delighted and honored to chair the 75th anniversary of the WPSA conference in 2022. Meeting in the WPSA headquarter city of Portland, Oregon, we acknowledge our meeting site as resting on the traditional village sites of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Chinook, Tualatin Kalapuya, Molalla, and many other Tribes who made their homes along the Columbia River. Our meeting theme, “Lighting Up the New Dawn— Recover, Reconcile, and Rebuild @ 75” was inspired by the poem written by American Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman to celebrate a new page in American history under President Biden. As we strive to recover and restructure from a nation (and the world) tormented and torn apart by the twin pandemics of COVID-19 and racism, our dream to celebrate physically together a new page in association history has been challenged by the seemingly constant shift in COVID-related public health risks. However, I have also been continuously touched by the firm conviction and steadfast support from the association leadership team, including but not limited to President Ramirez, Executive Director Clucas, Associate Director Favila, all the 28 section program chairpersons, and organizers for the seven mini-conferences and four preconference workshops. In addition, we have been blessed by the marvelously energetic and innovative 75th Anniversary Committee chaired by Ron Schmidt, along with other past presidents Jane Junn, Valerie Martinez-Ebers, Louis DeSipio, Rodney Hero, Gary Segura, and Ange-Marie Hancock Alfaro. Without their incredibly ingenious and nearly nonstop planning and programming efforts, we cannot imagine being able to convene physically and virtually together in March 2022. Please accept a very loud and hearty THANK YOU!

Despite all the obstacles and challenges, we are proud to offer nearly 270 panels in the meeting program--with about one-fourth being accessible virtually and mainly through the hybrid format. The total number of panels is close to what we normally offer at the pre-2020 conferences. This year’s program begins with four preconference workshops on Latina/o politics, environmental political theory, feminist theory, and interpretative methods. Under the program chair’s section, we have a hybrid panel to introduce the Virtual Community, an innovation of WPSA, and a roundtable to showcase the application of methodological pluralism. Other highlights include a mini-conference to honor the passing of Charles W. Mills and another one addressing challenges and opportunities faced by Women of Color in Political Science. In addition, we offer five other mini-conferences on Antiracist Pedagogy, Asian American Politics, Autocratic Politics, Community Colleges, and the Politics of the Mindful Revolution.

Special events related to the 75th anniversary include a roundtable with ten past presidents commenting on how their presidency has helped “Undisciplining the Discipline Since 1947” and another panel that aims to unveil “Inside Stories of Impactful Decisions” on the birth and growth of many milestone contributions of the association to the discipline. In addition to commemorating the association’s birth and growth over the past 75 years, the anniversary Dinner/Dance on Friday serves as a fundraiser for the inaugural WPSA Travel Grant for needy students and colleagues to attend future annual conference. We are ready to light up the new dawn. Are you ready to join us?

Pei-te Lien
University of California, Santa Barbara

The WPSA 75th Anniversary Project Help Support Others

The Western Political Science Association has long prided itself in providing an inclusive home for political scientists, one that is open to a broad range of cutting-edge research and scholars from diverse backgrounds. Many political scientists feel a special bond with the WPSA because of its openness to others and to different perspectives.

Yet there is one area in which the WPSA has been poor in promoting inclusiveness. Unlike many other political science associations, the WPSA does not have a fund to help underwrite the cost for graduate students and less well-off faculty to attend the annual meeting. Every year, the association receives requests for financial assistants from participants, which we cannot provide. As a consequence, some individuals who would like to participate in the annual meeting are unable to afford it.

As part of the WPSA's 75th anniversary, the association has launched a fund-raising campaign to create a travel endowment, which will provide support to help graduate students and faculty so they can attend the annual meeting. Please consider contributing to the WPSA Travel Fund. It will provide much-needed support to others so they can join us at the annual meeting and make us more inclusive.

There are other ways in which you can help the WPSA. In addition to creating this Travel Fund, the WPSA is also using the anniversary as a means to build financial support for association awards. Currently, only two of our annual best paper awards are self-funded, with the rest relying on limited support out of the association's annual budget. The association would like to see all the awards eventually become self-funded to ensure their long-term survival and to build the dollar size of each award, which has remained unchanged for more than a decade. The WPSA is asking members to consider donating to the individual award funds.

If you just want to provide help to the association to ensure its long-term viability and to build a base for growth, please consider donating to the WPSA Endowment Fund. This fund was created to provide security if a financial crisis occurs and to provide support for major projects.

WPSA's New Virtual Community Program

As WPSA celebrates its 75th Anniversary, our new Virtual Community Program aims to build on WPSA's record of innovation in the discipline and its commitment to expanding access to a diverse range of scholars in political science. Developed as a project of WPSA's Climate Action Committee prior to the pandemic, tested as a pilot during 2020-21, and now established as a regular, ongoing program, WPSA Virtual Communities bring academics together on Zoom or other virtual platforms approximately once a month for scholarly, pedagogical, and/or professional development in political science and related fields. Our hope is that this program will provide opportunities for intellectual exchange throughout the year, support the professional growth of those who find it difficult to travel to conferences for any reason, and help democratize access to academic networks while minimizing the climate-warming emissions involved in these activities.

Participation in any Virtual Community (VC) is included in regular WPSA membership dues or through a VC-Limited membership. [Register here](#) to gain access to participate in any VC of interest to you.

Virtual Communities are organized around a variety of academic specializations or themes. Please visit wpsavc.com for a unified calendar of upcoming and past VC events as well as more information about this year's Virtual Community offerings in the following areas:

- Contemporary Feminist Political Theory
- Critical Disability Studies
- Critical Whiteness Studies
- Embodied Social Change and Healing Justice
- Environmental Political Theory
- Inclusive Teaching and Pedagogy
- Interpretive Methods in Political Science
- Political Theory

We hope that the VC Program will reflect a broad range of topics and subfields in the discipline, so if you'd like to see a Virtual Community focused on a different area or theme, please consider submitting a Co-Chair proposal when the next call is circulated in late spring/early summer! And if you'd like to be involved in shaping this new program while still in its early days, please send a short expression of interest as soon as possible to Cheryl Hall, VC Program Chair, at chall@usf.edu. We're looking for one more person who would be interested in joining the VC Program Committee beginning after the conference in 2023.

Co-Chairing a VC or serving on the VC Program Committee would be a good fit for anyone who would like to help build and support accessible, welcoming, diverse, low-carbon scholarly communities as part of the activities offered by the WPSA. New and creative ideas welcome!

And as we all continue to adapt to changing times, we invite everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in WPSA's new Virtual Community Program.

*2022 Asian and Pacific
Islander American
Mini-Conference Program Offerings*

Announcing the WPSA 2022 Asian and Pacific Islander American Mini-Conference organized by Loan Le and Ngoc T. Phan on behalf of the WPSA APA Status Committee and the Asian Pacific American Caucus (APAC). On the occasion of the 75th Year Anniversary conference, we are especially excited to feature a roundtable on the development of Asian American politics and Asian American inclusion in the academy in retrospect, as well as a panel devoted to the experiences of Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, among other exciting panels.

Please see our program offerings below:

29.1 -Virtual Roundtable: WPSA at 75 Years: Asian America in the Profession

Date : Friday, March 11, 08:00AM - 09:45AM

29.2 -Making Visible the experience of Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders

Date : Friday, March 11, 10:00AM - 11:45AM

29.3 - Unpacking Asian Pacific American Politics thru Interdisciplinary Approaches

Date : Friday, March 11, 01:15PM - 03:00PM

29.4 -Virtual Panel: "Asian American Connective Action in the Age of Social Media: Civic Engagement, Contested Issues, and Emerging Identities," by James Lai, Author Meets Critics

Friday, March 11, 03:15PM - 05:00PM

29.5 -APAC Business Meeting

Date : Friday, March 11, 05:00PM - 06:00PM

Special Co-sponsor Event with REP on unpacking the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Experience

23.19 - REP

Decolonizing Survey Research: Reflections and Analysis from the 2021 GuÅ¥han Survey

Date : Saturday, March 12, 01:15PM - 03:00PM

Note: The panel will have two undergraduate research assistants who worked on the program traveling from Guam.

Non-mini-conference panel on APA politics (per conference program):

23.2 -Agency and Symbol in Asian American Politics

Date : Thursday, March 10, 03:15PM - 05:00PM

EPT Workshop Statement

Co-organizers:

*Emily Ray, Sonoma State University
Sarah Marie Wiebe, University of Victoria*

Theory (EPT) workshop gathers together an interdisciplinary group of environmental political theory scholars. We convene a one-day workshop to talk about our research, pedagogies, and the intersections between our academic work and the unfolding experiences of climate change around the world. The workshop this year includes conversation about recent EPT books and publications, new directions in environmental political theory scholarship, activism and climate change, and publishing beyond the academy. We welcome anyone interested in these lively conversations. Independent scholars and graduate students are welcome.

By now the unfolding crises of climate change and environmental degradation are well-documented and increasingly experienced by human societies and more-than-human ecosystems across the globe. Climate change pressures change politics and influence political decisions, actors, and international relations. Global conflict, migration patterns, electoral politics, and land-use decisions are shaped by these environmental changes, both rapid and slow-moving. What does it mean to "light up the new dawn" when the turning of a day brings more carbon emissions and rising tides? EPT scholars have been wrestling with the critical nexus between politics and the environment for decades. As this group of thinkers, educators, and activists looks across the horizon line, they theorize, imagine, contextualize, warn, and encourage. Recovering, reconciling, and rebuilding takes on different valences when situated in the context of climate change. However, thinking about climate change politically is one of the most valuable tasks set before us, and an opportunity to imagine a politics suited for the times, that accounts for democracy, justice, shared vulnerability, and multispecies flourishing. The work of EPT is essential to the future of politics scholarship and activism, as we face and address the monumental tasks before us navigating the political dimensions of climate change. In so doing we support the future of WPSA and those who will take up the work ahead.

Honoring Charles W. Mills

Lawrie Balfour, University of Virginia
Ronald Sundstrom, University of San Francisco
Andrew Valls, Oregon State University

When Charles Mills died in September 2021, there was an immediate outpouring. On social media, the mass media, and in countless private conversations and email exchanges, his impact—both personal and professional, was manifest. Charles was, to many of us, a dear friend, a warm presence at conferences and a welcome dinner companion. He was famously kind and generous, taking the time to mentor younger scholars and to read the unpublished work of many colleagues, always improving it through his comments. He will be missed enormously. Indeed, it is sometimes difficult to imagine the field of philosophy and race—or any field related to it—without Charles’ ongoing participation.

It is impossible to overstate the impact of Charles’ work. Starting with his best-known book, *The Racial Contract* (Cornell, 1997), Charles argued that race is absolutely central to the Western liberal tradition. The exclusion of nonwhites from the social contract, he argued, is not an aberration, a deviation from the values of liberalism, but rather an intrinsic feature. Until philosophers and political theorists, as well as other scholars, fully reckon with the whiteness of Western philosophy, he urged, little progress can be made toward the realization of liberalism’s universalist pretensions. He expounded on these and related themes over the course of more than two decades, in several books and countless articles and lectures. In the process he touched many lives, influenced many careers, and helped bring race explicitly to the very center of contemporary political theory and political philosophy.

This mini-conference aims to honor Charles—his life, his thought, and his legacy. It includes both roundtables where participants will offer personal remembrances of Charles as well as reflections on his work, and also more traditional panels where formal papers will be presented and commented on by a discussant. Some panels will take place entirely in-person, others remotely, and still others in a hybrid format. The presentations reflect the scope and reach of Charles’s thought and impact as well as the wide range of themes that it touches upon. Such themes include: Charles’ relation to Kant and Kantianism; his complex position toward liberalism and his project of developing a radical black liberalism; the connections between his work and feminism; epistemological themes, and especially his analysis of “white ignorance;” and his aspiration toward reconciliation and reparative justice. The panel participants are diverse: philosophers, political theorists, as well as scholars in other fields; more senior scholars as well as those who are early in their careers; those who knew Charles personally as well as those for whom Charles is simply an important inspiration and interlocutor.

We hope that many will join us for some or all of these sessions. They will be an opportunity, both for those on the program and for those who attend, to offer their thoughts and reflections on the life and work of a beloved friend and colleague, departed too soon.

Latinx Workshop

According to U.S. Census, about one out of every five Americans was identified as Latino/a/x in 2020. Equally important, the Latino/a/x population has been growing at nearly six times the rate of the non-Latino/a/x population. And while Latinos have been contributing to American politics, American culture, and the American economy for decades, American political institutions have failed to effectively accommodate the interests and needs of Latinos. In this context, Latinos, as a multicultural and evolving group, seek to define their challenges, priorities, and goals in the political arena.

With this reality in mind, and in the spirit of this WSPA conference to “Recover, Reconcile, and Rebuild”, the Latina/o/x Politics workshop is planning to emphasize the diversity of scholarship in our sub-field and to focus on the work of our community on political behavior and political theory scholarship this year. Additionally, the WSPA Latina/o/x group is committed to support the next generation of scholars through a combination of poster and mentoring sessions. Given our constantly changing circumstances in the times of Covid-19, and in an effort to be as inclusive as possible, this workshop will be virtual. As much as we value in-person interactions, we believe this format provides flexibility and versatility, while still delivering a meaningful experience.

This year, our workshop will feature four online panels: Latinx political theory, highlighting the scholarship at the intersection of political theory and Latino politics (via zoom); a panel on new trends in Latinx public opinion and political behavior, which will cover the role of conservative ideology, sexism in electoral politics, and Latino socialization and public opinion (via zoom); a graduate student poster session (to be held on Gathertown); and a mentoring session, designed to provide guidance and support to graduate students and new graduates on issues such as the hiring process and journal publication (via Zoom).

Finally, our committee is looking to highlight the vitality and energy, but overall, the inclusiveness that the WSPA has pursued during its 75 years. Ethnic and racial diversity are an undeniable critical component of America’s future. The Latino population is relatively young and will continue to account for a substantial portion of population growth. Given current demographic trends in the U.S., paying attention to, and carefully studying Latino issues is more relevant than ever. So, please join us at this essential workshop to explore and discuss some of the topics that will surely shape the politics of the next generation.

Community College 5th Annual Conference Western Political Science Association

Approximately five years ago, Community College Faculty had their first mini conference with the support of the Western Political Science Association. Finally, the arduous work Community College Faculty and Community Colleges had been doing was recognized. The role of the Community College and Faculty teaching at an AA degree granting institutions has been to serve as front line workers at these intermediary institutions that help ameliorate the impact of secondary educational neglect often fostered by social and economic injustice. As Community College Faculty we facilitate this by providing the educational foundation for students pursuing undergraduate degrees, acquiring new trades and skills. The role of the Community College and the Faculty who serve at these institutions is to provide social justice to underrepresented, marginalized and often considered at risk student populations by providing these individuals the tools needed to earn a decent living by learning a new trade or skill to facilitate economic and social empowerment.

The role of the Community College and the Faculty who choose to serve at these institutions is to also help articulate their students' academic endeavors by facilitating an educational pathway that will result in earning a college degree. This will provide the foundation for further specialized undergraduate, graduate degree advancement and attainment. This is the function of a Community

College and the Faculty who teach there with purpose and intentionality. It is to help fulfill the dream of the first-generation college graduate, to provide a space for the displaced homemaker or recently laid off employee that must embark upon a new career at a time when one should be planning retirement. In short, Community Colleges and Community College Faculty provide a safe haven for students to accomplish their academic goals and create a safety net for dreams deferred to be realized. Expectations are established by instructors who not only teach but also mentor and care for their students long after the semester is completed and the last final exam has been administered.

The Western Political Science Association by facilitating a space for Community College Faculty to demonstrate their talents and pedagogical innovation, continued publication and research has allowed the unsung heroes and heroines in higher education to demonstrate strategies for students' success in their educational endeavors. This is what Community College Faculty have been doing for years, unrecognized. The theme this year for the 75th WPSA Annual Meeting is: Lighting Up the New Dawn, Recover, Reconcile and Rebuild. Community College Faculty have held the floodlights for this new dawn for a long time. Approximately two years ago the Western Political Science Association created a formal committee designed for Community College Faculty. This newly formed

status committee has a primary objective of addressing the needs of Community College Faculty and students

The committee is focused on presenting our research, publications and pedagogical innovation at the Western Political Science Association conferences held annually. We are profoundly appreciative of this opportunity to create even more specialized mini conferences within the larger WPSA conference that provides professional development opportunities for Community College Faculty. The impact of innovative pedagogy that we are committed to facilitating includes but is not limited to maintaining a commitment of incorporating social justice teaching within the discipline of Political Science.

The social justice uprising of 2020 amidst a global pandemic radically altered the way higher education conducted pedagogy and assessment resulting in a more intentional

deliberation to provide equitable learning outcomes for all students, despite the ongoing achievement gaps that have existed for decades. The social injustice, subsequent uprisings in 2020 also demonstrated the pervasive need to fully engage and analyze the meaning of equality and justice in the 21st Century within the framework of teaching Political Science courses and subsequent research published. The Community College Committee established by the Western Political Science Association is committed to the professional development of Faculty, promotion of Faculty research, highlighting student success by their keynote and presence at our mini conferences. At the Community College Mini-Conference, we promote the growth of Community College students. Historically, we have panels with Community College students and student keynote speakers. These students share their love for justice, continued hope, faith in humanity and their political acumen that will serve to light up a new dawn in Political Science

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A Look Back and Ahead
at *Political Research Quarterly*

At the time of this writing, we have less than half a year remaining in our role as the editors of *Political Research Quarterly* (PRQ). Reflecting upon the statements we made at the outset of our editorial tenure, we are pleased to say that we have been successful in achieving these goals. Most important, we aimed to improve the profile and impact factor of the journal, and this has certainly come to fruition. For instance, in the 2017 annual report PRQ's five-year impact factor was 1.816 (2016 data). In contrast, PRQ's five-year impact factor is currently 3.443. Additionally, the 2017 report had PRQ ranked 83 out of 165 political science journals in terms of impact factor. Now, PRQ is ranked 58 out of 183 political science journals on the same metric.

We have built upon the solid foundation left to us by co-editors Clarissa Rile Hayward, Jeanette M. Mendez, and James M. Scott. The lines of communication between their editorship and ours were crystal clear, making the transition as easy as one can be. We also appreciate the assistance of associate editor Jacob A. Mauslein, who was happy to help with the technical matters of operating the online submission system. Furthermore, we have received excellent support from WPSA Director Richard Clucas, and the SAGE team as well. We have boosted PRQ's social media profile via an active Twitter page with over 2,500 followers. The adoption of the *TRENDS* featured article(s) appears to capture considerable scholarly buzz and media interest. We have shepherded through two mini-symposia and have a third one on the way featuring four articles related to the 2020 elections in the United States ("America in the 2020 Elections"). Although it is impossible to gauge, all these activities have raised

PRQ's stature in the Political Science discipline.

Ultimately, we are most pleased knowing that we have been conscientious in publishing what in our judgment is the best work sent to us, regardless of disciplinary subfield and/or methodological approach. The name/institution of a prospective author holds little relevance if the quality of the work does not measure up. We owe the thousands of reviewers a debt of gratitude for assisting us in determining what is worthy of publication in PRQ's scarce number of pages.

This year marks PRQ's 75th anniversary, a special milestone, and a testament to the multiple decades of quality scholarship printed in the journal. We wish Charles Smith only the best as he and his large team take the editorial reins from us. Just as our predecessors were eager to help, we will be available to answer the many questions that invariably arise in taking over an editorship. Looking ahead, we sincerely hope that the next editorial team and all those who follow, take PRQ to evermore laudable heights.

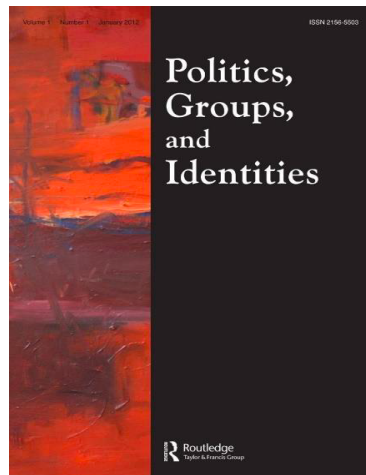
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It has truly been an honor to serve as the lead editor of *Politics, Groups, and Identities*.

The journal has grown in amazing ways because of the support of the Western Political Science Association and our wonderfully engaged community of scholars, reviewers, social media team, editorial assistants, a team of coordinating editors, and board members. Together, we have become the most innovative journal in the discipline. As I prepare to step down for the journal, I am grateful to the WPSA leadership who had the vision to create the journal as well as the founding editors of PGI. They set us on a course that enabled us to be successful. I sincerely hope that my stewardship of the journal makes them proud. The journal will have a new leadership team on January 1, 2023, and I am certain that our community will embrace them with open arms - always ready to lend a helping hand as well as sage advice on how to move the journal to the next level. Please continue to engage with and promote the journal, submit your essays, agree to submit timely reviews, and encourage your libraries to subscribe to the journal. PGI is a better journal because of the love, care, and attention that you all have poured into it. Serving as lead editor has been a highlight of my academic career and I am sincerely grateful for this opportunity.

Thank you.

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PGI Editor

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Pi Sigma Alpha Speaker *Jo Ann Hardesty, Portland City Commissioner*

What's the Matter with Portland?

Portland was repeatedly in the news last year, when protestors took to the streets after the murder of George Floyd, raising their voices against the discrimination experienced by African Americans in Portland and beyond. As time passed, other groups became involved, leading to nightly battles between anti-fascist protestors and members of the far-right Proud Boys. The tensions were further inflamed when President Trump sent in federal officers to subdue the city.

What has been going on in Portland? Why did so many people go out into the streets after the Floyd murder? Why did the protests go on night after night? What happened when President Trump became involved? What did the protests mean for African American?

The WPSA has asked Portland city council's leading champion of social justice to give a talk on the events that have put Portland in the news, especially in regards to the Black Lives Matter Movement. The association has also

asked her to give her perspective on how to advance racial justice in Portland and more broadly. The City Commissioner—Jo Ann Hardesty—is also the former president of Portland's NAACP branch and a past member of the Oregon House of Representatives. There is no one who can shed a better light on these issues than Commissioner Hardesty.

Join us for the Pi Sigma Alpha address on Thursday, March 10, at 12 noon. The talk will be in the Atrium room on the Plaza Level at Portland Hilton Downtown.



Jo Ann Hardesty
Portland City Commissioner

Books:

Bosworth, Kai. (2022). *Pipeline Populism: Grassroots Environmentalism in the Twenty-First Century*. University of Minnesota Press.

Stunning Indigenous resistance to the Keystone XL and the Dakota Access pipelines has made global headlines in recent years. Less remarked on are the crucial populist movements that have also played a vital role in pipeline resistance. Kai Bosworth explores the influence of populism on environmentalist politics, which sought to bring together Indigenous water protectors and environmental activists along with farmers and ranchers in opposition to pipeline construction.

Here Bosworth argues that populism is shaped by the “affective infrastructures” emerging from shifts in regional economies, democratic public-review processes, and scientific controversies. With this lens, he investigates how these movements wax and wane, moving toward or away from other forms of environmental and political ideologies in the Upper Midwest. This lens also lets Bosworth place populist social movements in the critical geographical contexts of racial inequality, nationalist sentiments, ongoing settler colonialism, and global empire—crucial topics when grappling with the tensions embedded in our era’s immense environmental struggles. Pipeline Populism reveals the complex role populism has played in shifting interpretations of environmental movements, democratic ideals, scientific expertise, and international geopolitics. Its rich data about these grassroots resistance struggles include intimate portraits of the emotional spaces where opposition is first formed. Probing the very limits of populism, Pipeline Populism presents essential work for an era defined by a wave of people-powered movements around the world.

Ferguson, Kathy. (2022). *Letterpress Revolution: The Politics of Anarchist Print Culture*. Duke University Press, forthcoming.

This book investigates anarchist print culture in the English language in the U.S. and England from the Paris Commune to the Spanish Revolution (roughly 1870 – 1940), while also consulting contemporary letterpress printers who continue the technologies and politics today. Anarchist print culture thrived through a dynamic combination of media technology, epistolary relations, and radical scholarship. Anarchism’s print ecology is gathered together by assemblages of three distinct kinds of letters - individual letters set by typesetters on their composing sticks, correspondence among activists, and learnedness, as in being a person of letters - into what Deleuze and Guattari call a “fragmentary whole.” Each kind of letter circulates through the anarchist movement, shaping and being shaped by one another. They can be thought of as nodes in anarchist assemblages, relay points opening into sprawling communities of reading and writing that have characteristic modes of producing, practices of distributing, and habits of consuming written texts. Creating and circulating their publications through a process that directly embodies their ideas – combining physical skill, intellectual insight, artistic creativity, comradely engagement, and egalitarian labor practices – was a powerful source for the political energy sustaining anarchist communities. Radical politics today can learn from earlier anarchist successes in combining material, semiotic and social relations to build alternative forms of public life.

Levit, Avichai. (2021). *Legislative Deliberative Democracy: Debating Acts*

Restricting Freedom of Speech during War. **Routledge.**

Freedom of speech is a basic right in a democracy. During war, however, national legislatures tend to enact laws that restrict this basic right. Under what circumstances can such laws be democratically legitimate?

Avichai Levit argues that the degree of democratic legitimacy of laws that restrict freedom of speech during war depends on the extent of legislature deliberation on such laws. The more law makers in both chambers of the legislature seriously consider information and arguments, reason on the common good and seek to persuade and decide the best legislative outcome, in committees and on the floor, the more democratic legitimacy can be associated with such laws. This book fills a gap in the scholarly literature regarding the evaluation of the democratic legitimacy of laws that restrict freedom of speech during war, by bridging different theoretical perceptions and presenting an alternative normative account of deliberative democracy which focuses on the deliberations of a national legislature. Using the United States as a case study, Levit delves into the details of Congressional deliberation during World War I, World War II and the Cold War, as well as the political histories that brought about such laws.

Rice, Laurie L. & Moffett, Kenneth W. (2022). *The Political Voices of Generation Z.* **Routledge.**

This book explores political expression of members of Generation Z old enough to vote in 2018 and 2020 on issues and movements including MeToo, Supreme Court nominations, March for Our Lives, immigration and family separation, and Black Lives Matter. Since generational dividing lines blur, we study 18 to 25-year-olds, capturing the oldest members of

Generation Z along with the youngest Millennials. They share similarities both in their place in the life cycle and experiences of potentially defining events. Through examining some movements led by young adults and others led by older generations, as well as issues with varying salience, core theories are tested in multiple contexts, showing that when young adults protest or post about movements they align with, they become mobilized to participate in other ways, too, including contacting elected officials, which heightens the likelihood of their voices being heard in the halls of power.

The Ethics of Precaution: Uncertain Environmental Health Threats and Duties of Due Care (New York: Routledge, 2019) Szentkirályi, Levente

There are thousands of substances manufactured in the United States to which the public is routinely exposed and for which toxicity data are limited or absent. Some insist that uncertainty about the severity of potential harm justifies implementing precautionary regulations, while others claim that uncertainty justifies the absence of regulations until sufficient evidence confirms a strong probability of severe harm. In this book, Levente Szentkirályi overcomes this impasse in his defense of precautionary environmental risk regulation by shifting the focus from how to manage uncertainty to what it is we owe each other morally. He argues that actions that create uncertain threats wrongfully gamble with the welfare of those who are exposed and neglect the reciprocity that our equal moral standing demands. If we take the moral equality and rights of others seriously, we have a duty to exercise due care to strive to prevent putting them in possible harm's way.

Textbooks:

Berman, Larry, Murphy, Bruce Allen, Brown, Nadia, and Gershon, Sarah Allen. (2021). *Approaching Democracy: American Government in Times of Challenge*. Routledge.

This introductory American government textbook's research question became: How do we as American political scientists teach students in the 21st century digital age about a governmental system and Constitution whose future is now being questioned? Our book, which was first written to show how America served as a role model for the emerging democracies in Eastern Europe and around the world because, in the words of then-newly elected Czechoslovakian President, and former dissident playwright, Vaclav Havel: "As long as people are people, democracy, in the full sense of the word, will always be no more than an ideal. In this sense, you too are merely approaching democracy. But you have one great advantage: you have been approaching democracy uninterruptedly for more than 200 years." Despite four years of the Trump administration, the voter suppression efforts in states around the nation, the polarized political gridlock of a gerrymandered Congress, the precedent-busting Roberts Court, and a civil war in the country during a once-in-a-century pandemic over lockdowns, and vaccine and mask mandates, we seek to explain to students how, despite the biggest crisis in this country since the Civil War, our ultimately optimistic vision encouraging activism on behalf of democracy can help to preserve it. We continued to believe this even after doing final page revisions during the January 6th insurrection. Now, our hope is that by teaching from this volume all of us in the profession can help to encourage our students to lead the country out of the American Constitutional Framers' worst nightmare.

Articles:

Szentkirályi Levente. (2020). Luck Has Nothing to Do with It: Prevailing Uncertainty and Responsibilities of Due Care *Ethics, Policy, and Environment*, 23:3, 261-80 [doi:10.1080/21550085.2020.1848185](https://doi.org/10.1080/21550085.2020.1848185)

We are surrounded by threats of environmental harm whose actual dangers to public health are scientifically unverified. It is widely presumed that under conditions of uncertainty, when it is not possible to foresee the outcomes of our actions, or to calculate the probability they will actually cause harm, we cannot be held culpable for the risks and harms our actions impose on others. It is commonly presumed, that is, that exposing others to what this paper terms 'uncertain threats' is permissible, because conventional theories of moral responsibility understand uncertainty as implying that the effects of our actions are out of our control and, therefore, beyond our fault. In contrast, in rejecting arguments from moral luck, this paper denies that authors of uncertain threats of environmental harm are excusably ignorant, and denies that prevailing uncertainty diminishes their moral obligations or attenuates their culpability. For under conditions of uncertainty, culpability turns on the lack of due regard for others as moral equals – a consideration that neither luck nor ignorance excuses. To expose others to unconsented-to uncertain threats of harm without exercising due care to prevent possible injury is to wrongfully gamble with their welfare and their capacity for self-authorship.

Symposium on Collaborative Methodology in PS: Political Science and Politics:

What does it mean to collaborate with people affected by issues of interest to social science researchers? How can political scientists approach the people

they study as research collaborators, rather than research subjects, and what are the implications of such a methodological shift for political science? This symposium on collaborative methodology (CM) will discuss how and why we should meaningfully include those we research in our decision-making processes related to the methodological tools and research designs we use. Taking a pluralistic approach to both methodology and methods in terms of contributor expertise, the symposium spans both qualitative and quantitative as well as interpretivist and positivist traditions, in some cases fusing or blurring the lines of these methodological boundaries. In doing so, we offer best practices for collaborative methodology—meaning the philosophy or epistemology guiding research practices—as well as for collaborative methods, referring to the specific tools researchers use in ontologically guiding research processes to obtain data. Like other political science methodologies, collaborative methodology and methods are concerned “with the logical structure and procedure of scientific enquiry” (Sartori, 1970: 1033), but with an emphasis on the philosophies and tools to understand the social and political world as it is conceived by the people living in it. In this symposium, contributors take a hard look at the benefits and pitfalls of collaboration, and introduce CM methods and tools that could be useful for political science, drawing on a variety of geographical case studies, methods, and methodological orientations.

Featuring:

Firchow, Pamina, & Gellman, Mneesha. (2021). Collaborative Methodologies: Why, How, and for Whom? *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 54(3), 525-529. doi:10.1017/S1049096521000330

Gellman, Mneesha. (2021). Collaborative Methodology with Indigenous

Communities: A Framework for Addressing Power Inequalities. *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 54(3), 535-538. doi:10.1017/S1049096521000299

In 2016, when I first proposed partnering with a Native American tribe in Northern California to explore questions about youth identity and heritage language access in nearby public high schools, the skepticism from tribal leaders was both palpable and understandable. Why would they spend their limited time dealing with me, an academic, like so many before, who wanted to gather data and write a book? How would my publications or career trajectory address their needs or goals? As I navigated a complex set of relationships to develop a research framework that would transcend my own scholarly desires and be useful to the community, the socio-historical implications of positionality felt too heavy to ignore. At the same time, my disciplinary training in political science offered few answers to questions about researcher responsibility to perform impactful community-based work, and how to equitably share the gains of research. It comes as no surprise that much research has been performed at the expense of, rather than to the benefit of, people whose lives are documented (MacLean et al. 2018, U.S Department of Health and Human Services 1979; Wilson 2008, 48-9). The creation of Institutional Review Boards emerged in response to ethical violations of vulnerable populations. Among Indigenous communities, information extraction by self-glorifying scholars has given academia a rightfully earned bad name (Deloria Jr. [1969] 1988, 78-100). While my doctoral work and first book (Gellman 2017) held an uncomfortable line between extraction and trying to make space for subaltern voices, my more recent work explicitly takes up issues of power in research design and blends positivist and interpretivist approaches (Gellman forthcoming).

Through collaborative methodological practices that joins interpretive and positivist approaches, I argue that researchers should engage people as actors with agency, rather than objects or subjects of research. What this looks like may play out differently across research designs and cases, but it is especially vital for research in marginalized communities. At the meta-level, collaborative methodology means that stakeholders—people affected by the research puzzle itself—are invited to participate in multiple levels of the research, rather than exclusively as sources of data. In the sections below, I describe my empirical puzzle and cases, and then identify ways in which I engaged collaboratively with stakeholders. I present the mixed methods design of the study to highlight the collaborative elements of each, as well as challenges posed in such collaboration. I conclude with a call to continue decolonizing political science research in Indigenous and other historically and contemporarily marginalized communities.

Gellman, Mneesha. 2021. “No nos importaba a nadie”: navegando en la búsqueda del éxito académico en Oaxaca, México. *Polis: Revista Latinoamericana*. 20(59), pp. 59-78.

“Nobody cared about us”: Navigating the quest for academic success in Oaxaca, Mexico

Access to higher education, and success once there, depends on many variables. In this article, I unpack the major obstacles low income and indigenous high school and college students perceive that they face in Oaxaca de Juárez, Mexico. In combination with a structural analysis of the context of Oaxaca based in comparative historical literature, I use political ethnography and qualitative interviews to situate testimonies from

recent high school and college graduates about their schooling experiences and obstacles they face in the quest for academic and professional success. I document the matrix of obstacles students name in their educational pathways, including financial resources, mental health, motivation, Oaxacan political instability, physical insecurity, hostile school climates, and discrimination against indigenous people. I draw on the case study of a non-governmental academic support organization, the Institute for Community Integration and Counseling (IIAC), based in Oaxaca de Juárez, Mexico.

***Luck Has Nothing to Do with It: Prevailing Uncertainty and Responsibilities of Due Care*. (Ethics, Policy, and Environment, 2020, Vol. 23, No. 3, pp.261-80)**

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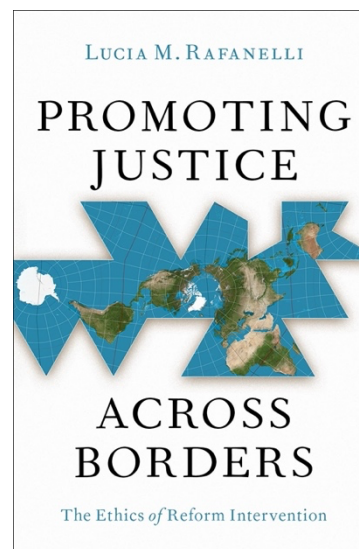
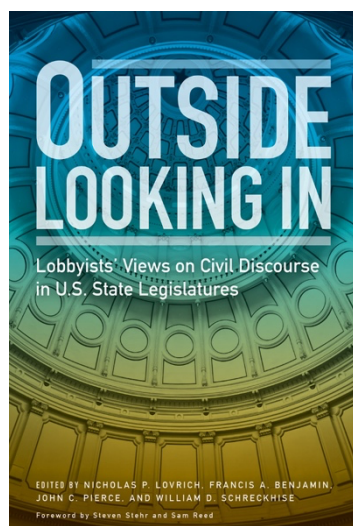
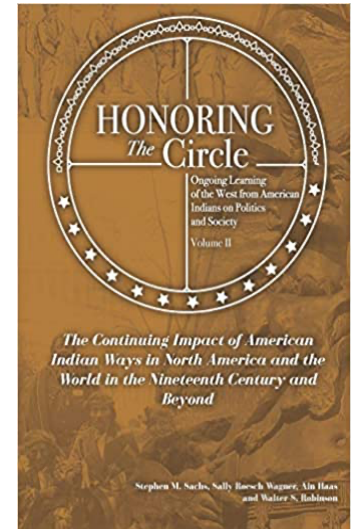
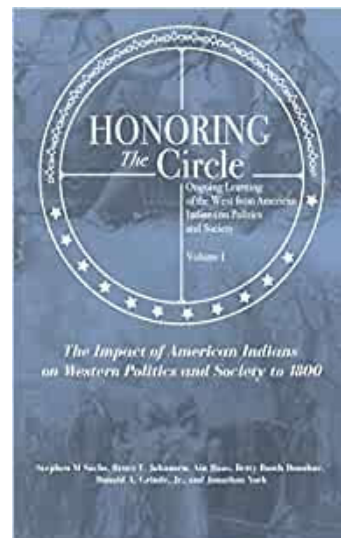
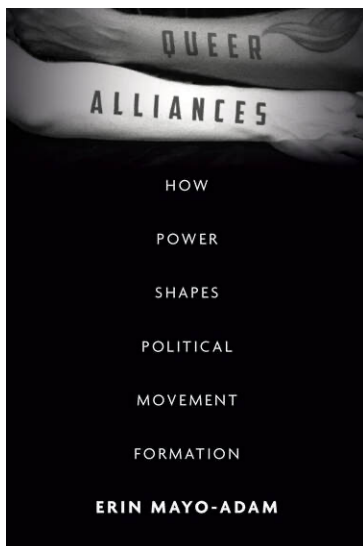
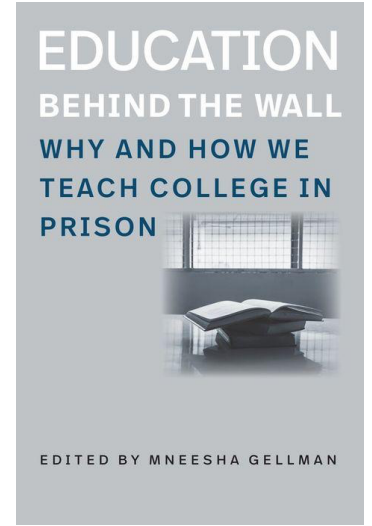
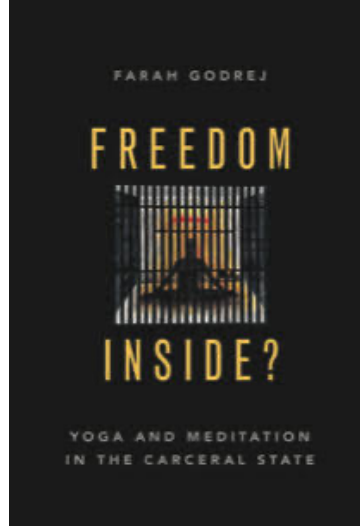
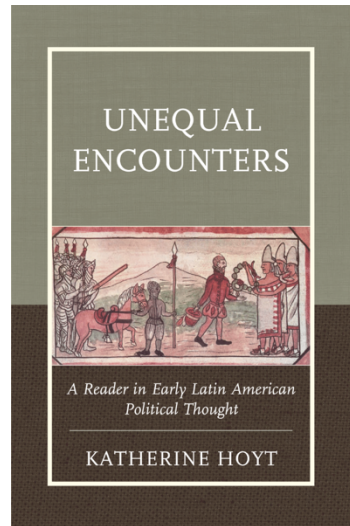
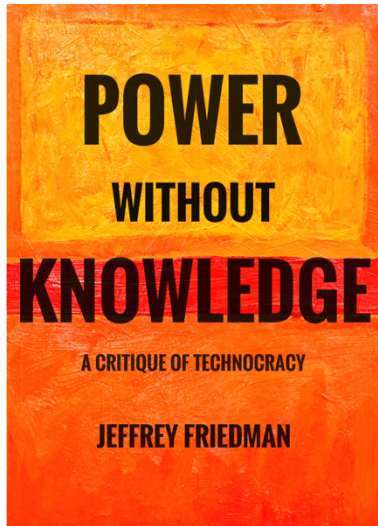
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OUTSIDE LOOKING IN: Lobbyists' Views on Civil Discourse in US State Legislatures [WSU University Press, 2021] by Nicholas Lovrich, Francis Benjamin, John Pierce, and William Schreckhise was written for two audiences. First, for political scientists studying state policy and politics, and second for those engaged in state public policy formation and advocacy (e.g., legislators, college internship coordinators, and policy advocates (e.g., League of Women Voters). The book mines the data from a national survey of 1,000+ state legislative lobbyists from all 50 states. The research team included 12 scholars from 10 U.S. universities.

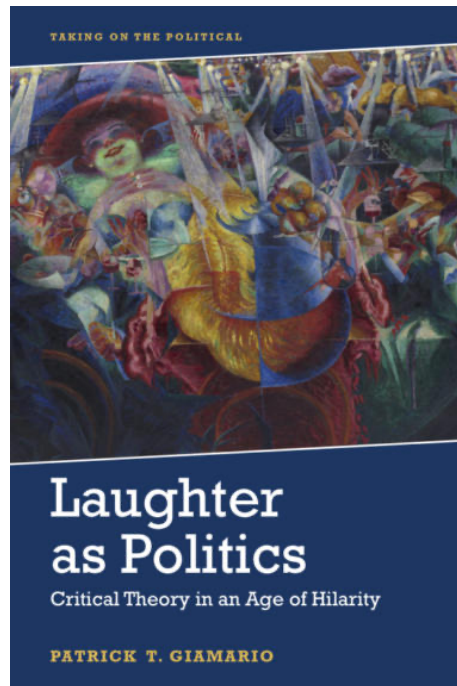
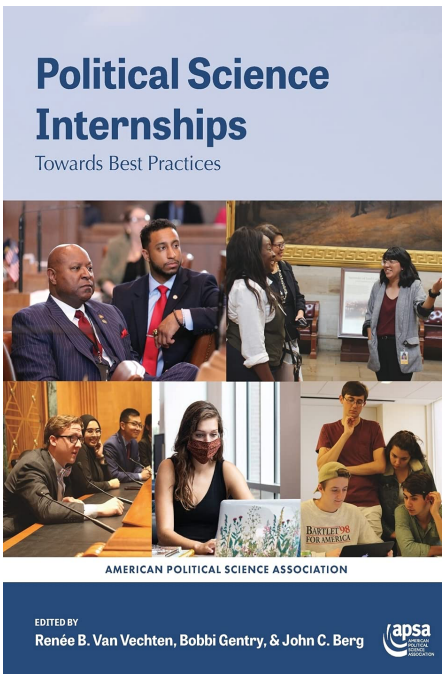
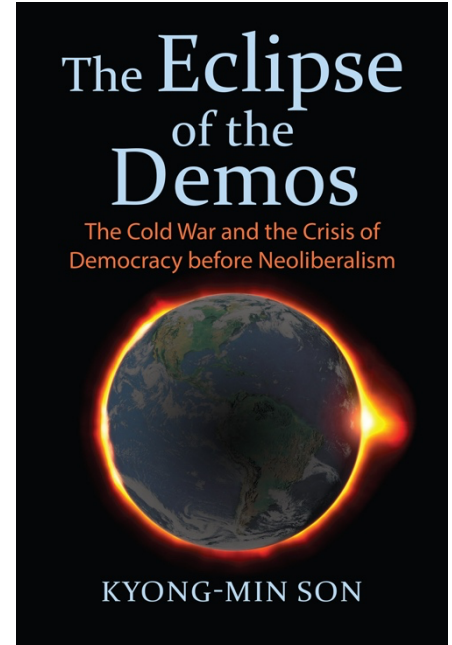
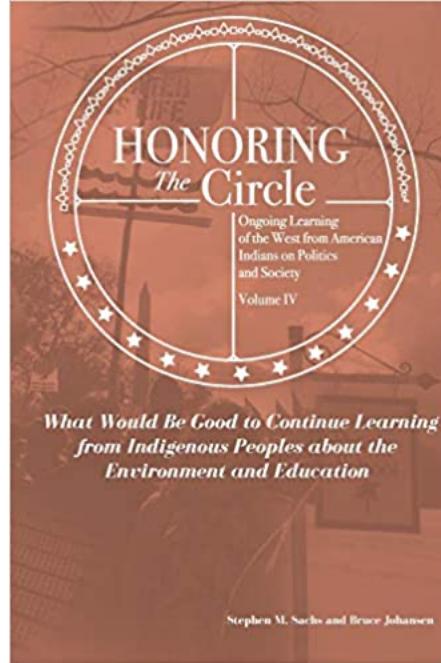
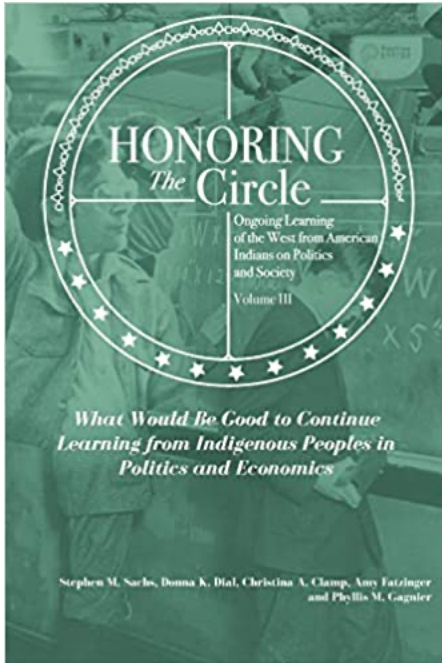
The national survey was fielded in 2018-19 and funded by the *National Institute for Civil Discourse* at the U. of Arizona and the *Thomas S. Foley Institute* at WSU. The book features 11 chapters, 6 providing in-depth analysis of survey results and two providing commentary from the *National Conference of State Legislatures* (Karl Kurtz) and *NICD* (Rob Boatright). Max Neiman (UC Berkeley) and James Thurber (American Univ.) provided in-depth reviews of the draft manuscript. *Outside Looking In* documents the weakening of civil discourse norms in state legislatures. Some states have been more affected than others, and political culture, term limits, campaign finance regulations, legislative districting, and legislative leadership are all explored to provide insight into cross-state differences. A website (<https://labs.wsu.edu/outside-looking-in/number-data-set/>) provides access to the survey, metadata, and over 300 insightful comments from survey participants.

Lovrich and Benjamin maintain the website and are available to scholars and practitioners for access to data for all 50 states.

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News from the West

New Editors for Both WPSA Journals:

Both WPSA journals are about to be under new editors. At its October 2021 meeting, the Executive Council approved a new team of editors for Political Research Quarterly, led by Charles Anthony (“Tony”) Smith, Editor in Chief, University of California, Irvine. The other members of the editorial team are: Angelia Wilson, University of Manchester; Stephen Nuno, Northern Arizona University; Jami Taylor, University of Toledo; Julia Jordan-Zachery, Wake Forest University; Wendy Wong, University of Toronto; Davin Phoenix, University of California, Irvine; Heather Smith-Cannoy, Arizona State University; Christopher Stout, Oregon State University; Jennifer Garcia, Oberlin College; and Andrew Flores, American University.

The team will be replacing Seth C. McKee (Texas Tech University), Toby J. Rider (Texas Tech University), Frank C. Thames (Texas Tech University), Sophia Jordán Wallace (University of Washington), and David Lay Williams (DePaul University) at the conclusion of their term in July 2022. The association would like to thank Seth, Toby, Frank, Sophia, and David for their service as PRQ editors. During their tenure, the five editors oversaw a continued expansion in the quality and reputation of the quarterly. Their work has been stellar, and the association is very appreciative of all that they have done.

When the Executive Council meets on March 10, it will vote on new editors for Politics, Groups, and Identities. The new group of editors will take over on January 1, 2023, replacing the fourteen-member

team led by Nadia Brown, Purdue University. The change in editors will represent a major change in the journal’s leadership. Since before the first edition of the journal was published in 2013, the editorship has been held by someone at Purdue University. The publication would not have been as successful without the support and leadership provided by Purdue. The Association is thankful for the work done by Nadia, her predecessors as editor, her colleagues, and the University. We plan to hold a celebration of Purdue’s help at our 2023 conference.

WPSA Launches Virtual Communities:

The Western Political Science Association has launched a new initiative to connect with members year-round and to be more engaged in the virtual world. WPSA Virtual Communities offers a virtual platform for scholarly, pedagogical, and professional development in political science and related fields. Virtual Communities (VCs) are organized around a variety of academic specializations or themes. Each community meets approximately once a month in formats that may include panels, colloquia, workshops, reading or writing groups, pedagogy discussions, mentoring opportunities, peer support groups, networking events and more, depending on the interests of its co-chairs and participants.

The Virtual Communities program is meant to maximize scholarly engagement while minimizing climate-warming carbon emissions; to support the professional growth of those who find it difficult to travel to in-person conferences; to help democratize access to academic networks; to offer a new

service to our members and broaden participation in WPSA; and to provide academics the opportunity for regular intellectual exchange and development throughout the year.

While some research groups are launching their own independent virtual meetings, the benefits of the Virtual Communities are that it provides hands-on support to groups that want to conduct virtual meetings and it comes as an official WPSA event, which looks good on CVs. Participation has been extraordinary since the launching of the Virtual Communities. To find out what is being offered or how to organize a Virtual Community, see the VC web page: <https://www.wpsanet.org/virtual/>. We are anticipating that it will continue to flourish.

Individuals and research groups who are interested in organizing regular meetings of scholars, should talk with the organizers of Virtual Communities to make it happen.

New WPSA Committees Address Major Issues:

The WPSA Executive Council recently created three new committees to tackle major issues confronting the association and the discipline. Two of the committees have been created to improve access to and equity. The third one focuses on the steps the association can take to reduce its contribution to the greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change.

The Committee on the Status of First Generation Scholars in the Profession has been created to develop and promote activities to help the professional development of first generation scholars. Among its activities, the committee will help bring issues regarding first generation scholars to the attention of

the Executive Council and the association. It will also be involved in proposing and organizing relevant panels, roundtables, and workshops at WPSA meetings.

The Council has also approved a Task Force on Equity, Inclusion, and Access in the Discipline. The task force is being asked to examine the systemic inequalities that have marginalized scholars within the discipline and to propose recommendations for ameliorating them, particularly for WPSA and departments of political science across the western region. One aim that the task force has been asked to consider is developing a set of best practices that would move the discipline in a more open and accepting direction.

The WPSA Climate Action Committee was created to look for ways that the WPSA can reduce its carbon footprint, while maximizing the scholarly value of its activities. Unless significantly curbed, climate change will cause grave harm to humanity and other living species. To avoid the worst consequences of climate change, global emissions of greenhouse gases must drop sharply now and move to net zero as fast as possible. The Executive Council created the committee to ensure the Association plays its part in addressing the threats from climate change. The committee will be exploring how the association can do this, while also providing additional benefits to members, such as improved accessibility, greater inclusion, broader participation, lower individual costs, deeper intellectual exchange, and enhanced opportunities for young scholars.

Council Tackles Future Meeting Plans:

The WPSA Executive Council has approved the location of future conference up through 2025 and is likely

to begin considering where to hold the 2026 conference when it meets at the upcoming Portland conference. The association will be meeting at the San Francisco Hyatt Regency in 2023, the Vancouver Hyatt Regency in 2024, and Hyatt Regency Seattle in 2025. The association does not usually hold two successive conference in the same region, but the Executive Council approved the meeting in Seattle as part of the agreement canceling our 2021 conference at the Seattle Hyatt Regency. When the council meets this March, it will begin considering where to hold the 2026 conference. Following past practices, the 2026 will likely be held in Southern California.

New Award Honors William Connolly; Changes Announced for Nakanishi Award:

The WPSA Executive Council has approved a new award honoring William Connolly, the influential political theorist, a mentor to many young political theorists, and a long-term member of the association. The William E. Connolly Award will be given annually to the best paper in political theory presented by the author at the WPSA's annual meeting. The purpose of the prize is to reward theoretical innovation and risk-taking in political theory by younger scholars and to encourage more established scholars to pursue new lines of inquiry and research. It is open to everyone in the subfield doing adventurous, pathbreaking, creative work in contemporary democratic theory broadly construed.

Connolly has been arguably the most influential political theorist over (roughly) the past thirty years in the English-speaking world. Among other things, his work has been marked by

constant innovation and change. Well known in the 1970s as an analytical or conceptual theorist for *The Terms of Political Discourse* (which won the APSA's Lippincott Award in 1999), Connolly turned to Continental philosophy in the 1980s, especially Nietzsche and Foucault, for *Political Theory and Modernity* and his groundbreaking *Identity/Difference: Democratic Negotiations of Political Paradox*. This was followed by work on secularism, neuroscience, pluralism, capitalism and Christianity, the Anthropocene and climate change, and aspirational fascism. In all, he has written 18 books to date and has offered the profession a model of what it means to be a supportive, engaged, far-reaching, and important political scientist. He was also the editor of *Political Theory* and one of the founders of *Theory & Event*. Along the way, Connolly has produced several generations of political theorists making their own contributions to the subfield and profession, many of whom are WPSA members and regularly attend the annual meeting. We are very honored to have this new award.

In addition to creating this new award, the council has made changes in the Don T. Nakanishi Award for Distinguished Scholarship and Service in Asian Pacific American Politics. Under the old rules, the award was given out one year to the best paper in Asian Pacific American Politics and the subsequent year to a book author or an individual who has made a significant contribution to the understanding of Asian Pacific American politics or a substantial contribution to the practice of Asian Pacific American politics.

The council approved a proposal to create two awards, one to be given out every year to the best paper given at the conference on Asian Pacific American politics. The other will be given out for distinguished scholarship and service.

The paper award is now named the Best Paper in Asian Pacific American Politics. The award for scholarship and service will retain the same name.

Don T. Nakanishi was a pioneer and played a significant role in establishing Asian American studies and U.S. minority politics as important fields of study. Don's career also exemplified the engaged scholarship and public service that was a role model for many scholars of color in their pursuit not only of Asian Americans, but also of African American, American Indian, and Latina/o politics. His distinguished record of leadership and mentorship have inspired generations of scholars. The award was created to recognize this legacy.

Changes in the WPSA Executive Council Ricardo Ramirez, University of Notre Dame, is serving as WPSA President through the annual meeting of the association in March 2022, which will be held in Portland, Oregon. At the conclusion of the meeting, Pei-te Lien, University of California at Santa Barbara, will assume the presidency of the WPSA. Jason Casellas, University of Houston, will become the new Program Chair. The following individuals have been elected to the Executive Council for the term 2022-2025: Fred Smoller, Chapman University; Char Miller, George Mason University; Sean Parson, Northern Arizona University; and Michael L. Ferguson, University of Colorado. The terms of the following Executive Council members will conclude immediately prior to the meeting: Mario Guerrero, California Polytechnic University, Pomona; Natalie Masuoka, Tufts University; Sarah Shair-Rosenfield, Arizona State University; and Shirin Deylami, Western Washington University. The association thanks them for their valuable service.

Help Identify Best Papers

The most common reason a WPSA Best Paper Award is not given out

in a specific year is that no papers were nominated. It is a shame when the association does not give out an award, especially when the reason is a lack of nominations. Receiving a best paper award provides recognition to good scholarship, an important addition to a CV, and an enhanced opportunity to get published in *Political Research Quarterly*. If you come across a good paper, take a minute to let us know. Don't let an award go unclaimed because no one has taken the time to acknowledge good work. If you are a panel chair, it is easy to nominate a paper. When you are given the panel attendance card, just mark your nomination on the back of the card and we will collect the card from you. Otherwise, instructions for nominations for 2023 WPSA awards may be found on the WPSA website. The deadlines for most award nominations are set for June 15, 2022.

Contribute Your Personal/Professional Developments:

As part of our expansion of *The Western*, the editorial team is adding a section to the association news which includes personal and professional developments in the association. These developments can include 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.

Stephen Weatherford - Obituary



Stephen Weatherford (1946-2022), an emeritus professor of Political Science at the University of California Santa Barbara, died unexpectedly on January 9, 2022. He suffered a heart attack while taking his weekly sunset walk on campus, dying where he had been a proud member of the UCSB community.

As the first in his family to graduate from college, he received his BA in political science and social psychology from the University of Nevada-Reno. Stephen then attended Oxford University (Worcester College) on a Fulbright, earning first class Honours in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. He received his Ph.D. from Stanford University and joined the UCSB faculty in 1978 as an assistant professor.

Stephen was a scholar of American politics, a political economist, a political historian, as well as a student of democratic deliberation and education policy. His early research, based on public opinion data, focused on how individual voters' views of economic conditions influence their political behavior, and how those views are mediated through social class, interpersonal networks, and the media. However, Stephen soon realized that it was important to place individual-level opinion in a broader institutional and historical context. As a political historian, he examined presidential management of the economy, publishing studies on the economic

policies of all the presidential administrations from Dwight Eisenhower to Barack Obama and conducting archival research at eight presidential libraries. After years of discussing K-12 education policy with his spouse, Lorraine McDonnell, Stephen expanded his research portfolio to collaborate with Lorraine on several studies, including one on citizen deliberation about schools, and most recently, on the use of evidence in the development of the Common Core State Standards. After their retirement, they co-authored a book on the politics of evidence use in education policy.

Even more than being a researcher, Stephen valued being a teacher. Comments from former students after his death reflected his commitment to that role. They described his high scholarly standards and expectations that pushed them "not to settle for okay and to really do the work to make [their] research and writing better." At the same time, he was "both challenging and supportive," always "kind, encouraging, upbeat, and positive." Former graduate students noted how Stephen still influences their own teaching years later.

Stephen's continuing commitment to undergraduate education is reflected in the public service scholarship fund that he and Lorraine endowed for UCSB students participating in the UCDC and UC Sacramento programs. Their choice of this scholarship was partly because Stephen was grateful for the opportunity to intern in the office of a U.S. senator while an undergraduate, realizing how much that experience shaped his career choices.

Stephen served as chair of the Political Science Department for seven years (1991-1998), and as an associate dean in the Social Science Division (2012-2017), continuing as a faculty adviser for three years after his retirement in 2017. Because he was president of the Faculty Club board during the period that it was remodeled and expanded, a celebration of his life is tentatively planned to be held there in the spring.

CALL FOR PAPERS

WPSA 2023 ANNUAL MEETING
April 6 - 8, 2023, Hyatt Regency Hotel at Embarcadero
San Francisco, California

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Theme: *Unity in the Midst of Disunity:
The Role of Political Science in Democracy*

Returning to the city by the bay, San Francisco in the state of California, the 2023 conference location will once again provide the opportunity for WPSA to reconvene after the 75th Anniversary celebration held in Portland, Oregon in 2022. San Francisco is a familiar location for WPSA conferences, and will be an opportunity for political scientists from all over the world to meet in person after several years of meeting primarily through virtual connections. This annual meeting will be held in the aftermath of a trying time in our world, most especially the multiple challenges of economic insecurity, inequality, climate change, public health, democratic instability, and international conflict.

Given these and myriads of other challenges not only in the United States but across the world, the WPSA is excited about reconvening scholars from all types of institutions to come together and explore where we have been and examine political problems from multiple perspectives, including historical, analytical, quantitative, qualitative, interpretive, normative, and empirical points of view. What are some examples of how division has impacted our political discourse and what role can we political scientists play, as individuals and as members of an association to help find ways to foster unity and coalescence around shared principles? How can our research and teaching contribute to fostering unity in the midst of disunity? What does unity mean for WPSA and its members? Under what circumstances can we realistically achieve unity in the midst of disunity?

We invite proposals that discuss the many ways we can think of unity in the midst of disunity from the points of view of our very diverse range of sections to help realize a renewed understanding and appreciation of the democratic pluralism that undergirds our society. We encourage members to submit proposals that explore how feasible and achievable unity is in the midst of such polarized division and in what ways division and disunity have affected and will affect the endurance of the American experiment in constitutional self-governance.

Please note: All participants in the program are required to preregister for the 2023 WPSA meeting by December 31, 2022