Women, Gender and Politics Research Section
Business Meeting
Agenda
Sept 10 7 am MDT (9 am EST)

WGPRS Secretary’s Note: Please forgive any errors or omissions; they are not intentional. I have appended the public Zoom chat to the end of the minutes. Zoom does record private chats, as well, so I have removed any participant-to-participant remarks, leaving only remarks that were made to the group. ~Amy Atchison

1. Welcome and quick sectional updates (Merike Blofield) (7:00-05):

the name change to Women, Gender and Politics is official; our grant was a little rocky due to APSA bureaucracy, but ultimately we funded 5 people.

Amy note: I changed it on FB, APSA Connect & on the Research Section’s site. I have also requested that APSA change it anywhere the section name appears on the Apsanet.org site.

2. 2021 Annual Meeting call (7:06-09)
Program Co-chairs
Nandini Deo, Lehigh University
Eileen McDonagh, Northeastern University

“Our hope is to encourage people to consider some of the non-traditional formats, and also to create panels – esp with junior scholars. The theme is pluralism, across subfields and methodologies. This is a year that’s well suited to the scholarship our members do. Reminder: submitting proposals for panels that can be co-sponsored by other sections is a great way to get more exposure. So please specify another section if one applies.

3. Presentation of Best Paper Award,

4. Announcements of Best Dissertation Award, Best Paper on Race and Intersectionality Award, and the Okin-Young Award (7:15-18)

Best Dissertation Award Co-Recipients: Isabel Castillo “Explaining Female Suffrage Reform in Latin America” Cathy Weininger “Gendering the GOP: Rhetoric, Representation, and Republican Congresswomen as Party Messengers” Committee: Magda Hinojosa, Hind Ahmed Zaki, and Susanne Zwingel

Best Paper on Race and Intersectionality Award Recipient: Kenicia Wright “The Importance of the Health Care Provider: An Application of the Theory of Representative Bureaucracy” Committee: Nadia Brown, Jamil Scott and Karen Celis
Okin-Young Award Recipient: Menaka Phillips “Feminist Preoccupations: Liberalism as Method in Debates concerning Gender and Culture” Committee: Karen Zivi, Alyson Cole and Jill Locke

5. Treasurer’s Report (Caroline Beer) (7:19-27):
Note: numbers below are pre-grants, total now $86500

6. Politics & Gender Editors’ report (Susan Franceschet and Christina Wolbrecht) (7:28-36)
Delighted to have completed the first of 3 years. It was a bit crazy, but we feel very good about where the journal is/where it is going. We are particularly sensitive to the pandemio’s gendered effect. All of our invitations have pandemic language to demonstrate flexibility for reviewers and authors.
Regular submissions are on track, tremendous outpouring for the COVID submissions – 142 submissions vs 122 submissions for regular research articles. Published 24 of the 142 papers. There has not been a huge decline in submissions, but we know there will be long term impacts given that people couldn’t do field research, etc. Current acceptance rate is about 17% for research. Decline from more than 30% acceptance rate previously – a rate that had left a long backlog. 17% is in line with high quality journals.

Regular time to first decision is down to about 42 days (54 last year); Covid average was 7 days. Impact factor, 2019, increase to 1.65. Working on getting our articles in front of more people. Every year the views/readership goes up, and a particularly large increase in 2020. The Twitter account (@PoliticsGenderJ) is live, working on regularizing it, but it has helped to give more visibility – particularly for the Covid papers.

Virtual special issues: tied to timely issues. They grab new pieces and published pieces to comprise these virtual issues & Cambridge makes those open access for a bit. Will be published in Dec. with intro from Christina & Susan

Critical perspectives: Conservative backlash/gender/L.Am.; Feminist security studies & GPE; in 2021 #MeToo Asia & Motherhood & Politics

BIG: Critical Perspectives moving forward will be peer reviewed!

7. Vote on officer slate (see Appendix) (7:37-41): slate passed
8. Vote on two new awards for our section: (7:42-49)

Public engagement award ($500) Passed

An annual award to recognize the exemplary public-facing work of political scientists in the field of Women, Gender, and Politics. This award seeks to recognize significant efforts to serve a local community/do outreach on women, gender and politics, or efforts to diffuse knowledge beyond the classroom, and to make a social/political difference. While all faculty are eligible for this award, we especially welcome nominations of permanent and non-permanent faculty with teaching loads of 3-3 and above. Nominations by oneself or others should be made to the committee appointed by the Women, Gender, and Politics section by 1 March in the year the award will be made.

What would need to be submitted? Nomination letter & CV? But we are open to suggestions & perhaps the first committee can determine the nomination process.

Best article published in Politics & Gender ($500) Passed

An annual award to recognize the best article published in our section journal, Politics & Gender, during the previous year. Nominations will not be sought for this award; the award will be decided upon by the journal editors. (Susan: CW & SF could nominate 3 & then associate editors could review)

Is there a set of criteria, or is this left to the committee? Nadia indicates that the editors might not want to be involved – her experience at PGI indicates that that specific criteria & having a sub-committee from the journal/members might be more effective & avoids the “editors as gatekeepers” problem. Merike suggests that the new co-chairs for the section consult with the editors to determine the details for selection.
Very positive feedback for doing new awards – Nadia points out that we do need to work as a section to promote nominees for these awards.

9. 2020 Annual Meeting report (7:50-55) Monica Schneider, Miami University Melanie Hughes, University of Pittsburgh

Women & Politics Research Section (Division 31) APSA 2020 Co-Chair Report

Co-Chairs: Monica Schneider & Melanie Hughes

It was an exciting and challenging year to co-chair the conference for the Women & Politics Research Section. We enjoyed seeing so much interesting work in progress across the discipline, and we were impressed to see so many scholars accept the transition from in-person to virtual sessions. We are also grateful to all of you who volunteered to serve as chairs and discussants for our panels, as well as to those who graciously agreed to take on this service when we asked you.

Allocation

APSA allocated the section 27 panels and space for 13 posters. The Section’s panels made up 2.2% of the 1201 originally allocated for the 2020 conference.

Submissions

We received 162 individual submissions that listed Women & Politics Research as their first choice. We also received 12 pre-formed panel submissions, including 6 full paper panels, 5 roundtables, and 1 author meets critic session. Many authors also listed the Women and Politics Research as their second choice, and we were able to accommodate a small number of these proposals.

Panels Created

Given the number of submissions and our allocation, we knew we would ultimately have to reject a significant share promising abstracts and panels. We therefore tried our best to stretch our allocation. We elevated several panels for consideration as Theme Panels, which do not count towards our official allocation. We also reached out to several other sections to co-sponsor panels that crossed into other specialties. We co-sponsored panels with 16 other sections, including:

- Comparative Politics
- Comparative Politics of Developing Countries
- Democracy & Autocracy
- Elections and Voting Behavior
- Foreign Policy
- Health Politics & Policy
- Human Rights
- Information, Technology & Politics
- Legislative Politics
- Political Communication
- Political Organizations & Parties
- Political Psychology
- Public Opinion
- Race, Ethnicity & Politics
- Religion & Politics
• Representation and Electoral Systems

When creating panels, we tended not to consider subfields (e.g., American Politics, Comparative Politics), but rather focused on research questions and objects of study. As a result, we cannot say how many panels fit into each subfield, but we strived to ensure that all subfields were represented.

COVID-19
As a result of COVID-19, some participants did drop out of the conference. We had to cancel two panels, many panels shrunk in size, and we lost 2/3 of our poster presentations.

Virtual Conference
Our final panels in the 2020 virtual conference included:
• 2 Theme Panels, one on the 2020 election and another on the 19th Amendment;
• 22 Created Panels;
• 7 Full Paper Panels;
• 2 Author Meets Critic sessions;
• 4 Roundtables; and
• 5 Poster Presentations.

10. New Business and Introduction of new Co-Chair Louise Davidson-Schmich (Eileen Hunt Botting) (7:56-8:00 am)

Thank you to Merike for all of her hard work! She saved the day behind the scenes many times! Now we welcome Louise Davidson-Schmich, who has been working already behind the scenes. Yay, Louise! New business?

11. Announcements:

WCPS is at 1:30pm Saturday!
APSR Editors – please send your work to us!! Please!!!! “We want to read some gender work!” And don’t forget JPSE – teaching politics & gender!

12. Public Zoom Chat

08:47:22 From Julia Hellwege: loving all the academic mamas on here this am!
08:47:34 From Lee Ann Banaszak: +1 @Julia
08:48:43 From Jennifer Piscopo: I was on the best paper in LSQ award committee and every article published in LSQ in the previous calendar year was eligible -- it was a lot of work.
From Eileen Botting: I agree that the editors plus their assoc. editors could form a committee for the new P&G paper prize.

From Julia Hellwege: that’s a good idea, making a committee do all that is too much.

From Karen Beckwith: Do we know how other journals determine best article winners?

From Aili Tripp: Comparative Political Studies has the Editorial Board make the selections.

From Christina Wolbrecht: I’ve done this for the AJPS best paper award. It was a lot of work.

From Malliga Och: Good point Louise.

From Dara Strolovitch: It also seem like if it’s a section award, maybe it should be a section committee, not from the journal itself?

From Jennifer Piscopo: so LSQ had a committee of 3 -- each of us read 1/3 of the articles and then elevated 3, so we all read a final set of 9. In total, then, I read 15 articles: my initial 9, plus the 3 finalists each (6 in total) elevated by the other two committee members.

From Lee Ann Banaszak: We could ask previous editors to serve on the committee.

From Christina Wolbrecht: The AJPS process was similar to what Jen describes.

From Aili Tripp: CPS has the same system that Jennifer outlines for LSQ.

From Karen Beckwith: Whatever the criteria, they will have to be cross-subfield in terms of participants, to ensure that no set of articles is disadvantaged or overlooked.

From Lee Ann Banaszak: +1 @Karen.

From Eileen Botting: We’re running out of time.

From Malliga Och: You can’t take down the reactions, only when you raise/lower hand.

From Eileen Botting: Thanks to Monica and Melanie for hosting Wollapalooza III as a pre-conference short course this year. It went great and was the best yet.

From Elizabeth (Libby) Sharrow: A quick note for folks who might be thinking of attending the Women’s Caucus meeting on Saturday: APSA made an error in the Virtual program and moved the time UP in the day to 1:30pm Eastern, Saturday. I’ll work to get this change out on Twitter (@e_sharrow), too.

From Elizabeth (Libby) Sharrow: (with apologies to Monica for chatting “over” this important report!)

From Kelly Dittmar: Thanks to you and Melanie, Monica!

From Erin Richards: I’m not on Twitter. What time will the caucus meeting be on Saturday? Thank you!
08:57:06  From Elizabeth (Libby) Sharrow: WCPS meeting will be at 1:30pm on Saturday
08:57:10  From Dara Strolovitch: Thanks, Monica!
08:57:38  From Christina Wolbrecht: Thank you, Merike!
08:57:41  From Erin Richards: Thank you!
08:59:20  From Lee Ann Banaszak: Thanks to all of the officers for keeping our section running so well!
08:59:41  From Monica Schneider: I underestimated how nice it would be to see everyone
09:00:04  From Malliga Och: Right? I'm so happy to see all these faces
09:00:09  From Dara Strolovitch: YES!!! What CELESTE SAYS!!
09:00:19  From Dara Strolovitch: PLEASE!!!
09:01:18  From Lee Ann Banaszak: Hey we aren't being cut off!
09:01:30  From Eileen Botting: I've clicked save for the chat!
09:01:35  From Karen Beckwith: Thanks, everyone!
09:01:36  From Kelly Dittmar: Shameless plug for our roundtable today at 2pm ET on Gender and Intersectional Dynamics in the US election :)
09:01:42  From Amy Atchison: Thanks, ALL!
09:01:47  From Dara Strolovitch: Thanks!!!
09:01:52  From Elizabeth (Libby) Sharrow: Thanks, all!

13. Appendix
New Officer Slate 2020-2021

Co-Chair Elect (Two-year term, starting 2021)

Nadia E. Brown (Ph.D., Rutgers University) is a University Faculty Scholar and Associate Professor of Political Science and African American Studies at Purdue University. She specializes in Black women’s politics and holds a graduate certificate in Women's and Gender Studies. Dr. Brown's research interests lie broadly in identity politics, legislative studies, and Black women's studies. Professor Brown is part of the #MeTooPoliSci Collective where she spearheads efforts to stop sexual harassment in the discipline. Alongside Elizabeth Sharrow, Stella Rouse and Rebecca Gill, Brown $1M have been awarded a collaborative grant totaling $1,000,794 from the National Science Foundation's ADVANCE program. In July 2021, Dr Brown will be a Full Professor of Government and Director of Women’s and Gender Studies at Georgetown University.

Treasurer: (Two-year term): Pedro A. G. dos Santos is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University in Minnesota. He has two main areas of research in
Brazilian politics: women’s representation in the legislative and executive, and the rise of evangelical politicians in the country. He has published various book chapters as well as journal articles in Latin American Politics and Society, Politics & Gender, and Opinião Pública. His first book (co-authored with Farida Jalalzai), Women’s Empowerment and Disempowerment in Brazil: The Rise and Fall of Dilma Rousseff, is forthcoming on Temple University Press.

Secretary (Two-year term):

Dr. Amy L. Atchison is Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Valparaiso University. Her research interests include gender and politics, social welfare policy, and the status of marginalized groups in political science. She is the co-author of Survive and Resist: the Definitive Guide to Dystopian Politics with Shauna Shames (Columbia University Press, 2019). Her research has been published in a variety of journals, including Poverty and Public Policy, Politics and Gender, PS: Political Science and Politics, the Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy, the Review of Policy Research, and the European Journal of Politics and Gender.

Executive Council (Two-year term)

Executive council member:

Kanisha Bond is an assistant professor of political science at Binghamton University. Her research focuses on how gender, race, and ideology influence individual mobilization into contentious political action; how social movement organizations recruit and manage their membership; and the impact of these internal processes on inter-group collaboration. Her work has been published in the American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, International Negotiation, and other outlets.

Executive council member:

Lorna Bracewell is Assistant Professor of Political Science and Program Coordinator for Women’s Studies at Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL. Her scholarship focuses on feminist theory and the history of political thought and has been published in academic journals like Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society and popular forums like The Washington Post. Her book, Why We Lost the Sex Wars: Sexual Freedom in the #MeToo Era (forthcoming with the University of Minnesota Press in spring 2021), offers a revisionist history of the feminist sexuality debates of the 1970s, 80s, and 90s foregrounding the influence of liberal concepts such as freedom of expression, the public/private divide, and the harm principle.

Graduate Student Representative (One-year term)

Christine M. Slaughter is a PhD Candidate in the department of political science at UCLA. Her dissertation examines the role of adversity in shaping how and why African Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities act politically. Her primary research interests are political psychology and political behavior, African American politics, inequality, and gender and politics.

Outgoing members:

Co-Chair: Merike Blofield
Treasurer: Caroline Beer
Member Nancy Hirschmann
Member Nadia Brown
Graduate Student rep member: Alejandra Jimenez Aldridge
Continuing members:
Co-Chair: Eileen Hunt Botting
Co-Chair Elect: Louise Davidson-Schmich
Secretary: Amy Atchison
Member: Shirin Rai
Member: Alice Kang