

## **Announcement of March 31, 2020 Deadline for Nominations for the 2020 Hayward R. Alker Student Paper Award**

Dear colleagues,

The Interpretive Methodologies and Methods Conference Group of the American Political Science Association invites nominations for the Hayward R. Alker Award. The award recognizes the conference paper by a Ph.D. student that best demonstrates the uses of interpretive methodologies and methods for the study of the political.

### Background

The award honors the memory of Hayward R. Alker, who was the John A. McCone Chair in International Security at the School of International Relations, University of Southern California, and also was a former President of the International Studies Association. He passed away on August 24, 2007. From his humanistic critique of mainstream political science, to the role he played in the development and promotion of interdisciplinary, historically grounded, linguistically and hermeneutically-informed approaches to political science, Hayward Alker was a tireless champion of interpretive methodologies. His commitment to nurturing and encouraging graduate students and young scholars makes this award a doubly appropriate way to honor his contributions.

### Selection Criteria

The award will be given to a paper studying any aspect of political life that either (1) engages interpretive methodological issues or (2) reports the results of empirical research conducted using interpretive research methods. Usually, the award is given to papers presented at a conference during the academic year preceding the year of the submission deadline. Therefore, the award that will be presented at APSA 2020 is **for work presented at a conference during academic year 2018-2019** (more specifically, between September 15, 2018 and September 14, 2019).

Reflecting Hayward Alker's eclectic approach to political studies, the conference can be affiliated with any of the US-based political science associations (e.g., APSA, WPSA, MPSA, or other regional or state meetings). It can also be another association, such as ECPR, IPSA or the International Studies Association and its regional meetings, as long as the paper was written by a student enrolled in a US graduate program.

The award will be announced and presented at the annual APSA conference during the business meeting or reception of the Interpretive Methodologies and Methods Conference-related Group (IMM CG). The award committee is, however, under no obligation to make an award for a year in which submissions do not merit such recognition.

## Submission Process

To be considered for the award to be given at APSA 2020, **nominated papers must be received by March 31, 2020**. Again, the award will be given for work presented at a conference during academic year 2018-2019 (between September 15, 2018 and September 14, 2019).

Authors may nominate their own work. We also encourage chairs of panels as well as discussants to nominate outstanding papers from their conference sessions. One copy of the nominated paper should be emailed as a pdf or Word file to the chair of the award committee.

Members of the award committee for 2020 are: Stacey Philbrick Yadav, Chair (Hobart and William Smith Colleges), Carolyn Holmes (Mississippi State University), and Christian Sorace (Colorado College).

Please send nominated papers to Stacey Philbrick Yadav at [philbrickyardav@hws.edu](mailto:philbrickyardav@hws.edu)