

Junior Scholars Newsletter



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The ISPP Junior Scholars Committee (JSC) gives voice and visibility to the needs and interests of graduate students, junior faculty, and other junior and non-tenured academic life forms within ISPP. The JSC's goals include providing information and assistance to junior scholars' efforts to conduct political-psychological research, helping them develop their careers, and supporting their attendance at the ISPP annual meetings.

Chair's Address

Greetings ISPP Junior Scholar members! We hope that your new year is off to a great start. We have exciting news and upcoming events in this issue.

First of all, the annual meeting is just around the corner. This July ISPP will be descending on San Francisco for a few days of science and talks on all aspects of political psychology in an age of global challenges. As an international organization, ISPP experiences first-hand the difficulties inherent in our modern global times. And the JSC recognizes that those difficulties may feel exponentially larger for junior scholars. Therefore, we have several great events planned for the annual meeting from social hours to professional development roundtables. You can read all about them on p. 3.

In addition, if you are worried about how you are going to make it to San Francisco from where you are located, take note: We are pleased to announce this year's JSC Travel Awards Competition. Ten awards in the amount of \$500 each are available to help alleviate travel costs to San Francisco. Please refer to p. 2 for full details on the award stipulations and how to apply.

The mentorship program of the JSC, well-known from the popular Mentoring Tea at our annual meetings, is in full development with a few tweaks. We hope you will take part in our new mentorship database where we will match you with a senior scholar based on your research interests. Details about the mentorship program can be found on p. 4.

As always, we want to hear your ideas on how to make the JSC work for you. In fact, we are currently seeking you out - junior scholar ISPP members from all over the world who would like to serve on the committee. If you have great ideas about how the JSC can reach out to junior scholars, please consider nominating yourself to serve on the committee. See pp. 5-6 for more.

Finally, be sure to visit us on the web at ispp.org/jsc/junior_scholars.html or read our blog at polpsych.wordpress.com/. Application and nomination forms mentioned in this newsletter can be found at either website. Please refer to p. 5 for additional web activities and resources.

Here's to a great semester - see you in the summer!

--Janice R. Adelman
ISPP Junior Scholars Committee Chair

Conference News



Junior Scholar Travel Awards

We are pleased to announce the 2010 JSC Travel Award Competition. Up to ten (10) awards in the amount of \$500 each will be awarded to Junior Scholars for travel to the ISPP annual meeting in San Francisco, California, July 7-10, 2010.

Eligibility Requirements:

- * The applicant must be an ISPP Junior Scholar member as of 16 April 2010.
- * The applicant must be first or sole author on an accepted poster or paper presentation.
- * The applicant must attend the 2010 ISPP meeting and provide receipts to receive the award.

Application Procedure and Deadline:

To be considered for a travel award, the following materials must be submitted via email to ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com with the subject "Travel Award":

1. A completed Travel Award Application (downloadable at <http://ispp.org/jsc/annualmeeting.html>).
2. A non-identifying copy of the submitted poster or paper abstract.

Please omit all personally identifying information (e.g., authors, affiliation) from the contents of the abstract.

TRAVEL AWARD APPLICATION DEADLINE: 16 April 2010

Travel Award Decisions and Notification

Applications will be blind-reviewed by the Travel Award Committee. Decisions will be based on the excellence of the submitted abstract and financial needs of the applicant. Winners will be notified by email no later than 30 April 2010. Please address inquiries to the JSC Travel Award Committee at ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com.

Award Disbursement

Awards will be given as reimbursements to recipients at the conference.

At the Annual Meeting

Need a roommate?

The Junior Scholars Committee provides a roommate matching service in order to facilitate networking among junior scholars at the annual meeting. Are you looking for a roommate in San Francisco? Consider taking advantage of our service! Contact Victoria deFrancesco Soto at ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com.

JSC Sponsored Events

ISPP's 33rd annual scientific meeting will take place in San Francisco, California from July 7-10, 2010. The JSC has several events geared toward our junior scholar members described below:

Publishing



The JSC is hosting a Publishing Roundtable to provide information on publishing in the field of political psychology. This roundtable will cover such topics as structuring your manuscript, the manuscript submission process, peer-review, and editorial decisions.

Career Development



This year's Career Development Roundtable will focus on the job application process. This roundtable may cover topics related to finding job options, writing research statements or teaching statements (or both!), the interview process, questions you should ask during an interview, questions you will likely be asked, and much more.

Mentoring Tea



The Mentor Tea in Dublin, 2009.

The mentoring tea is a widely popular event in which junior scholars are paired with senior scholars to meet over tea (or coffee!). See below (p. 4) for details on how you can be paired with an expert in your field.

Junior Scholars Social Hour

An event solely for the junior scholars! The social hour offers an opportunity for informal networking among peers in a relaxed atmosphere. Always well-attended, and usually crashed by a few of our senior scholar colleagues, the social hour is a great place to meet old friends, as well as new ones. We can't promise happy hour at the Irish Pub, but we can promise one free drink! Be sure to sign-up for this event when registering for the conference.



JSC Mentorship Program

The mentorship program is designed to aid junior scholars in learning the ins and outs of political psychology from those who have paved the way before us. The program enables connections (in person, via phone, or via email) with faculty and other non-student ISPP members who work inside or outside of the university and share similar interests. The program is divided into two distinct, yet overlapping services. Mentors and mentees may elect to participate in one or both options.

Face-to-Face



Don Sylvan at the Mentor Tea in Toronto, 2005.

The classic option is the Mentoring Tea, held each year at ISPP's scientific meeting. The Mentoring Tea facilitates in-person meetings with mentors and mentees who have been previously matched based on shared research interests.

Long-Distance

The other option is to participate in a long-distance mentoring relationship via phone and/or e-mail. This option enables both junior and senior scholars the opportunity to participate even if they cannot attend the annual meeting.

Guidelines

Mentors and mentees are encouraged to develop a fruitful working relationship that benefits both parties. Mentees can use this opportunity to ask questions about research, jobs, balancing work and life, etc. Mentors can provide valuable insight into the field as well as learn new information from the next crop of political psychologists. With this in mind, it is important to consider how the mentorship program is envisaged:

The Mentorship Program is...

- an opportunity for mentees to communicate with an expert in their field.
- an opportunity to exchange emails periodically.
- an opportunity to get occasional advice on where to publish a paper or how to make it more publishable.

Questions and concerns may be addressed to the Mentorship Coordinators, Johanna Vollhardt and Phil Hammack at ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com.

To participate in the program, go to our website, ispp.org/jsc/junior_scholars.html or polpsych.wordpress.com/ and sign up!



Long-distance. Photo by Craig J Seath.



Ervin Staub and Junior Scholars in Toronto, 2005.

News & Other Events

Online Resources

Don't forget to visit our website, which is full of useful information for you, including lists of bibliographies (<http://ispp.org/ppbib.html>) and syllabi collection (<http://ispp.org/ppsyl.html>) covering a wide range of topics. If your subject seems to be missing, why not submit it yourself?

Also have a look at the teaching resources under the 'Web resources' (<http://ispp.org/ppres.html>). You will also find links to research centers, institutes, university programs and courses on Political Psychology. Be sure to visit the ISPP's homepage and check the links. Let us know if there is anything missing!

Are you preparing a poster presentation at the annual meeting? Get inspiration from the sample posters at <http://ispp.org/PosterSamples.html>. Want to inspire fellow Junior Scholars? Consider submitting your own poster for the sample section!

Last but not least - be sure to know join the conversation with the Junior Scholars Committee on our blog at <http://polpsych.wordpress.com>. For further details about the blog, and a call to contribute, see p. 7.

And, next time you're on Facebook, join the Political Psychology group created by Kris Dunn and Brian Woolfrey to discuss and meet scholars who share your interests!



Summer Institute in Political Psychology (SIPP)

The 2010 Summer Institute will be held from July 11 till July 30, 2010 and be hosted by Stanford University. The Summer Institute will offer 3 weeks of training in political psychology for up to 60 participants, including graduate students, faculty, professionals, and advanced undergraduates. The activities will include lectures by world-class faculty, discussion groups, research/interest group meetings, group projects, and an array of social activities.

For detailed information and application, visit <http://www.stanford.edu/group/sipp>.

Call for JSC Nominations

It feels like just yesterday that the JSC was seeking nominations for

this year's committee. Alas, it is that time once again. We are looking for junior scholars in political psychology who are interested in propelling the field forward and wish to contribute directly to our efforts.

Are you still not quite sure what the JSC does? Have you ever thought to yourself that ISPP is your favorite academic society and you'd like to be more involved? What about thinking that you have something unique and valuable to offer ISPP but no creative outlet has appeared? If you answered yes to any of these questions, and you are a junior scholar, then you should consider nominating yourself to become a part of ISPP's Junior Scholars Committee (JSC).

The JSC serves the needs of ISPP's younger membership: students, recent graduates, and new faculty (who have received their degree within the last eight years) from all over the world. We need fellow junior scholars to aid us in our quest to support one another and help navigate the sometimes murky, sometimes calm waters in the life of an academic. Positions in the committee are described below:

Chair-elect

Working under the current chair, the person in this position learns the ins and outs of the JSC in preparation for taking the lead the following year. Duties as chair include writing reports to the Governing Council, overseeing the junior scholar budget, and representing the interests of junior scholars in ISPP. The third year of service is in the capacity of chair ex-officio.

Newsletter Co-Editor

Solicits articles and announcements for the Junior Scholars newsletter published two-three times a year.

Blog Co-Editor

Manages and maintains the JSC Blog, soliciting blog posts from other JSC members and junior scholars.

Web Resources Editor

Manages all web-related aspects such as the bibliography and syllabus archives, and other relevant postings to the JSC website.

Professional Development Co-Coordinator

Focuses energy on organizing JSC roundtables at the annual scientific meeting. Works to provide resources and information regarding all things professional development, including teaching, publishing, and job searching.

Mentoring Co-coordinator

Solicits participation in the mentoring program and works to match mentors with mentees.

In addition, all JSC members are encouraged - but not required - to attend ISPP's annual summer conference.

Each nominee will be considered for an anticipated two-year term (except chair-elect which is a three year commitment); the JSC will always have half of its members in their first year of service and half in their second year. In addition, to make our committee more representative of ISPP's membership, we are looking for representatives from every continent: Europe, North America, South America, Africa, Asia, and Australia.

To nominate yourself, please submit the following to ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com:

- * A brief statement of your interest in the JSC (no more than 150 words)
- * An abbreviated CV (no more than 2 pages that includes only your name, education, discipline, current status as student or faculty, and committee experience in ISPP or elsewhere)

Please send your JSC nomination materials to ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com **no later than 23 April 2010**. A selection committee comprised of three JSC members and 2 Governing Council members will review the applications.

The new JSC for 2010-2011 will be announced in May. The new term begins at the end of the annual meeting in July. Feel free to email us with any questions - the current JSC members are happy to assist you in any way possible. Thank you for your interest and good luck!

The JSC Blog

We are pleased to point you to our Blog (<http://polpsych.wordpress.com>), conceived and developed by Todd Hartman, Rune Slothuus, and Chris Weber. In the spirit of openness and communication, we hope that you will share your research news and activities with other Junior Scholars on our Blog. Here we will publish announcements, requests for collaboration, op/ed pieces, life/work experiences about being a political psychologist, and manuscripts seeking feedback. If you would like to make a post, please contact Boris Bizumic and Chris Weber at ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing many of you in San Francisco. Good luck with your preparations and stay tuned for further details!



Your 2009-2010 JSC

We want to hear from you!

Please email us with feedback at ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com.

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