



# JUNIOR SCHOLARS NEWSLETTER

## *International Society for Political Psychology*

### *Winter 2006*

*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 Message

This year's meeting featured a number of successful events organized by the Junior Scholars Committee, including the ever-popular Junior Scholars Social Hour, roundtables focused on Publishing, Career Development, and Mentoring, and a Mentoring Coffee Hour. (See pictures below.)

Junior scholars continue to be a vibrant and vital part of ISPP – **now making up over a third (35%) of all members!** And the JSC is hard at work planning a number of events focused on Junior Scholars for the next ISPP meeting in Portland, Oregon.

We are also focusing on more long-term projects involving a new ISPP Dissertation Award, and increased fundraising to help provide travel scholarships for the annual meetings.

As always, we are eager for new ideas and additional ways to serve the needs of junior scholars in ISPP, so please get in touch with any suggestions!

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### Gearing up for Portland...

ISPP's 30<sup>th</sup> annual scientific meeting will take place July 4-7, 2007, in Portland, Oregon, USA.

The theme for this meeting is **"Political Psychology: Then, Now, and Hereafter."** It promises to be a fascinating and fun-filled conference, with many panels and events of interest to Junior Scholars.

The JSC is busy planning and organizing the following programs:

- Junior Scholars Social Hour
- Career Development Roundtable
- Publishing Roundtable
- Mentoring Roundtable
- Expanded one-on-one Mentoring Program
- Mentoring Coffee Hour
- Roommate Matching Service

For more info, stay tuned to the annual meeting webpage: <http://ispp.org/meet.html>

And don't forget to get your paper proposals in by **January 15, 2007!**

### Raffle! Raffle! Raffle!

Congratulations also to this year's JSC Raffle winner **Brad Verhulst** of Stony Brook University, who won a free one-year ISPP membership!

### JSC Mentorship Program Expanded for Portland!

When you send in your proposal for the 2007 meeting in Portland, be sure to check the box indicating that you would like to participate in the ISPP Mentorship Program. This program gives junior scholars an opportunity to schedule a brief one-on-one meeting during the conference with a senior scholar working in their research area. While this program has existed for several years, we are working to increase its visibility this year by including it on the paper proposal form. Junior and senior scholars will be matched on the basis of research interests indicated on the paper proposal form. We hope that many junior scholars will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to meet and seek advice from some of the most accomplished scholars in the field!

### Annual Meeting Roommate Service

This valuable service provides assistance in finding a suitable roommate to share a hotel room at the annual meeting. If you are looking for someone to share costs, to help alleviate the anxiety of being in a foreign place, or simply to get the ISPP meeting off to a sociable start, this service is for you! More information can be found online at: <http://ispp.org/meet.html>.

### Congratulations to the 2005 Sigel Award Winners!

Two Roberta Sigel Awards for the best papers presented by junior scholars at the 2005 ISPP meeting in Toronto were awarded at the 2006 meeting in Barcelona.

**Daphna Canetti-Nisim**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Haifa, won the first Sigel Award for her paper entitled "The Effect of Religiosity on Endorsement of Democratic Values: The Mediating Influence of Authoritarianism."

**Rajiv Jhangiani**, Ph.D. student in Social Psychology at the University of British Columbia, won the second Sigel Award for his paper entitled "Integrative Complexity and Emotional Positivity during a Terrorist Attack," coauthored with **Peter Suedfeld**, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, University of British Columbia.

The Roberta Sigel Award has been dedicated to support Junior Scholars by honoring up to two exceptional papers presented at the ISPP meeting each year.

For more information about the award, please visit: <http://ispp.org/archives/sigel.html>

**APSA Political Psychology Section Best Dissertation Award**

The American Political Science Association Political Psychology section offers an award for the best dissertation in political psychology filed during the previous year. For more information on the nominating process see the ASPSA website: <http://www.apsanet.org/~psychology>

Congratulations also to the 2006 Award Winners:

**David W. Nickerson**,  
University of Notre Dame

**Darren M. Schreiber**,  
University of California, San Diego

**Teaching Political Psychology?**

Check out the collection of syllabi for political psychology and related courses, from a number of scholars in the field, on the ISPP website at: <http://ispp.org/ppsy.html>.

**Call for Papers Political Psychology**

*Political Psychology* is soliciting manuscripts for a special issue on **Political Reconciliation**:

The latter half of the twentieth century has been characterized as a period of bloody and protracted ethnic, religious, and political conflicts. As some of these conflicts end (while others

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rage on), social scientists have begun to study the fascinating process of individual and societal reconciliation.

Some researchers have focused their attention on various individual processes central to reconciliation including perceived social justice, retribution, guilt, shame, forgiveness, altered intergroup perceptions, and collective memory.. Others have examined broader societal and institutional influences on the reconciliation process, including the role of truth and reconciliation commissions, public trials, and reparations. Still others have concentrated more specifically on individual conflicts and their resolution.

The goal of this special issue is to further explore the psychological factors and processes that promote or inhibit reconciliation in the aftermath of intractable conflict, expand theoretical frameworks that can account for reconciliation across differing contexts, and provide a selective integration of work on the topic.

The deadline for submission is **May 31, 2007**. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.sunysb.edu/polsci/polpsych/specialissues.html>

**Widening my Research Horizons ~ A Junior Scholar's Perspective on SIPP**

I attended the Summer Institutes for Political Psychology (SIPP) in 2005, after my fourth year as a doctoral student in Social Psychology at New York University. I decided to attend because I found it appealing to be immersed in the political psychology literature for a few weeks in the company of like minded people. As a psychology student, I expected to learn more about political psychology from political science perspective and, as a result, better consolidate my knowledge in this area. The timing was ideal for me, because I took up political psychology relatively late in graduate school, after departing quite radically from my original research agenda.

My expectations for SIPP were met through the compact program of lectures, discussions, and readings. I found it particularly valuable to realize and appreciate the different perspectives held by psychologists and political scientists - how the former find pleasure and purpose in understanding psychological processes, while the latter are more concerned with how those processes impact tangible political behavior.

The atmosphere at SIPP can probably best be described as

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academic. Most SIPP attendees were seriously interested in political psychology and our conversations were related to politics, psychology or the combination of the two. I should add that many of those conversations took place in a relaxed atmosphere: at the beach, at a bar, or on our way back from day-trips to San Francisco.

SIPP is an experience not to be missed by anyone interested in expanding their research horizons or by those who take the interdisciplinary approach of political psychology seriously. For me, it was an unparalleled opportunity for exposure to different opinions and perspectives on the field - something no amount of reading or conversations with people within my own department could ever provide.

**Hulda Thorisdottir**  
New York University, USA

**Please check in with us in a few weeks for more information about SIPP at <http://ispp.org/sipp.html>.**

**The 2006-2007 Junior Scholars Committee is...**

**Melinda Jackson** (JSC Chair)  
San Jose State University, USA

**Dana Adams**  
University of Minnesota, USA

**Janice Adelman**  
Claremont Graduate University, USA

**Lauren Appelbaum**  
(Chair *ex officio*)  
Claremont McKenna College, USA

**Erin Cassese**  
(JSC Newsletter Editor)  
Stony Brook University, USA

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University of Arizona, USA

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Purchase College, USA

**Andrew Manning**  
Loyola Marymount University, USA

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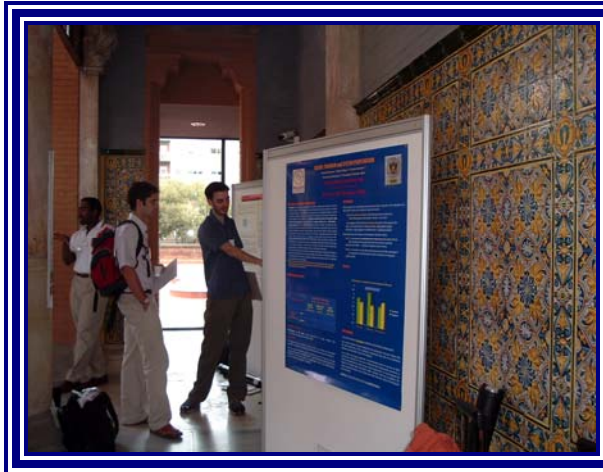
**Chris Weber**  
Stony Brook University, USA

**Matthew Woessner**  
Pennsylvania State University, USA

If you are interested in any of the programs that are sponsored by the JSC, both at the conference and all year long, check out the JSC at the ISPP website: <http://ispp.org>.

If you would like to become a member of the Junior Scholars Committee, contact Melinda Jackson at: [mjackson@email.sjsu.edu](mailto:mjackson@email.sjsu.edu).





## 2006 Annual Meeting Barcelona, Spain

### JSC Sponsored Events

**Top Right and Left:** Poster Session.  
**Middle Left:** Career Development Roundtable. **Middle Right:** Publishing Roundtable. **Bottom Left:** Mentoring Coffee Hour.