



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.

Outgoing Chair's Message

Welcome Junior Scholars!

I am pleased to have had the privilege and honor of serving as the Chair of the Junior Scholars Committee (JSC) for the 2007-2008 year. What a great time to be a Junior Scholar in ISPP! Thanks to the work of JSC past, the new dissertation award was given out for the first time this year (see page 4). ISPP's financial health allowed us \$2500 to give in scholarships to Junior Scholars traveling to the Paris meeting. The Governing Council of ISPP continues to be very committed to junior scholars and our events. We are lucky to have such support from our "senior" scholars. I would like to thank them as well as the many junior scholars who devoted their time and talent to making the JSC run smoothly. We are always on the lookout for new ideas and additions to the Junior Scholars Committee – it is our continued goal that this committee represents the diversity of scholars throughout the organization.

I would like to introduce Nadia Khatib, who will be the Junior Scholars Committee Chair starting at the Paris meeting. Nadia is currently a lecturer in political science at the University of Arizona and will begin a tenure track assistant professor position in the fall of 2008. Nadia is finishing her PhD in political science with emphases in political psychology and American politics at Stony Brook University. She has been a member of the JSC for several years, worked

as an editorial assistant for *Political Psychology*, and has served as the JSC mentorship program coordinator since 2006.

Please join me in welcoming Nadia Khatib as the new chair. Hope to see you in Paris! Be sure to look at the many programs we have going on in Paris – including the popular Social Hour!

Monica C. Schneider
Miami University of Ohio

Incoming Chair's Message

Greetings! This summer I will be taking over as chair of the Junior Scholars Committee. I would first like to thank Monica Schneider for the superb job she has done as chair this past year. I am extremely honored to serve and hope to continue the good work of our past chairs.

One of the hallmarks of the JSC has been to provide additional professional development opportunities and facilitate the entry of graduate students and junior faculty into the political psychology discipline. To that end, we sponsor and organize various events and roundtables at the annual meeting covering such aspects as general career development, teaching, and publishing. We also seek to offer multiple professional networking opportunities and greater access to our distinguished senior scholars through our mentoring program, roundtable, and coffee hour. Last, but certainly not least, we continue to do our best to find ways to encourage and support the attendance of Junior Scholars at the ISPP annual meetings.

Over the course of the past two years, the Committee has implemented several new programs designed to meet the needs of our Junior Scholars. The Roberta Sigel Fund is in the process of being expanded to not only provide support for the Sigel Paper Award (for the best Junior Scholar-authored paper presented at the annual ISPP meeting) as it has done in the past, but also to grant travel scholarships for the annual meetings and the Summer Institutes in Political Psychology. The Committee will also present the first Roberta Sigel Best Dissertation Award this summer at the 2008 ISPP meeting in Paris.

I would like to encourage all Junior Scholars to become more involved with the JSC activities. We are ultimately here to serve you and cannot provide these opportunities without your involvement and support. Please feel free to contact the JSC and offer any ideas that you feel may help serve the Junior Scholars community. I am excited to take part in what will hopefully be a productive and rewarding year for the ISPP Junior Scholars.

Best wishes,

Nadia Khatib
University of Arizona

Gearing up for Paris!

ISPP's 31st annual scientific meeting will be held at Sciences Po in Paris, France July 9 – 12, 2008. The theme for this meeting is "Building Bridges: Political Psychology and Other Disciplines, Political Psychology and the World."

Junior Scholars Events in Paris:

Publishing Roundtable

The roundtable will consist of a short presentation made by the editors and editorial assistants of Political Psychology, as well as time for questions and comments. The roundtable will be held Saturday, July 12th from 10:45am to 12:15pm in SG / SG 13.

Career Development Roundtable

Leonie Huddy and **David Redlawsk** will lead the career development roundtable. The topic is "Getting the Most From Academic Conferences." The roundtable will be held Friday, July 11th from 10:45am to 12:15pm in SG / Amp Leroy Beaulieu.

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. Junior and senior scholars will be matched on the basis of research interests indicated on the paper proposal form. The mentoring tea will be held Thursday, July 10th from 4:30pm to 5:45pm in SG / Amp Albert Sorel. Questions? Contact Janice Adelman at: janice.adelman@cgu.edu

Roommate Matching Service

Looking for a roommate in Paris? Take advantage of our roommate matching service and contact Matthew Woessner at: mcw10@psu.edu

Junior Scholars Social Hour

Please join us for the JSC Social Hour on Wednesday, July 9th from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Garden. This is an informal reception with light snacks and drinks. This event is free to all junior scholars

JSC Conference Tips

Check out our collection of sample presentation posters at: <http://ispp.org/postersamples>

Junior Scholars Business Meeting

The Business Meeting will be held Thursday, July 10th from 12:30 to 1:30pm in Goguel Bis nc.

Travel Scholarships

Eight scholarships were awarded to subsidize junior scholars' conference travel. We are always trying to make it easier for Junior Scholars to attend annual meetings. As funds become available, travel scholarships are always a top priority.

Summer Institute in Political Psychology (SIPP)

The 2008 SIPP Program will be held July 13 – August 1 at Stanford University. SIPP is a three-week intensive training program that introduces graduate students, faculty members, and professionals to the world of political psychology scholarship. For more information, please visit: www.stanford.edu/group/sipp/

Teaching Political Psychology?

Or just interested in learning more about work in this field? Check out the collection of syllabi at: <http://ispp.org/ppsyl.html>.

Congratulations to this year's award winners!

Best Dissertation Award

We are extremely pleased to announce the winner of the **first** annual Best Dissertation Award: **Alina Oxendine** for her dissertation entitled, ***Inequality and Isolation: How Economic Stratification Harms Social Capital.*** Alina completed her dissertation project in the Political Science Department at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities under the direction of John L. Sullivan (Chair), Wendy Rahn, Gene Borgida, and Larry Jacobs. Alina is currently an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Hamline University in St Paul, Minnesota. She received a \$250 prize.

Abstract
Inequality and Isolation

In recent decades, two disturbing trends have emerged in American society. First, income inequality has been growing steadily over the past 25 years. Second, our society has been suffering from a decline in civic attitudes and engagement, with people becoming more and more isolated from each

other and their communities. Although there is evidence that income inequality is driving the decline in community life, existing literature offers little explanation of how or why. By comparing communities in the US, this project explores specific ways that economic stratification contributes to the seclusion of many Americans. This project uses national and local cross-sectional survey data, in conjunction with a quasi-experimental community comparison, in order to elucidate this crucial relationship.

Roberta Sigel Awards

The Sigel Awards are given to junior scholar authors of the best papers presented at the annual meetings. One award is given to the best paper written by junior scholars only. The second is given to the best paper with a junior scholar first author. This year's winners are:

Eric Dickson, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Politics at NYU, for his paper "Do Participants and Observers Assess Intentions Differently During Bargaining and Conflict? An Experiment.

Elizabeth Suhay, a Doctoral Candidate in the

department of Political Science at University of Michigan, (with Nathan Kamoe and Christa McDermott) for the paper "Why Twin Studies Are Problematic for the Study of Political Psychology: Rethinking 'Are Political Orientations Genetically Transmitted?'"

The winners of the Robert Sigel Award and Best Dissertation Award will be honored at the **Awards Reception** on Friday, July 11th at 8:30pm in the Garden.

Committee Service and Fundraising

Thanks to **Christopher Federico, Felicia Pratto**, and **Agnieszka Golec** for serving on the Best Dissertation Award committee and to **Jonathan Renshon, Monica Schneider, Nadia Khatib**, and **Steve Reicher** for serving on the Roberta Sigel Awards Committee.

Also, **Melinda Jackson, Lauren Appelbaum**, and **Monica Schneider** worked with **George Marcus** and **Leonie Huddy** this past year on a fundraising campaign to build up the Sigel Fund. Thank you for your efforts!

The 2007-2008 Junior Scholars Committee is...**Dana Adams**

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