



# JUNIOR SCHOLARS NEWSLETTER

## *International Society for Political Psychology*

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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 Message**

Welcome Junior Scholars!

I am pleased to have the privilege and honor of serving as the Chair of the Junior Scholars Committee (JSC) for the 2007-2008 year. The annual meeting in Portland proved to be a success for Junior Scholars. We continued our "usual" activities with unusual twists to great success. The Junior Scholars social hour was packed with graduate students and professors eager to network and snack on delicious treats. Our mentorship program was more successful than we imagined, with junior scholars linking up with senior scholars for a coffee hour and conversation in addition to a roundtable on research post-dissertation. Consider signing up this year to meet one of your political psychology idols! Our career roundtable addressed a key topic: finding a job! Finally, the annual publishing workshop, coordinated with the editors of *Political Psychology*, featured a book editor for the first time. We hope you found these events both useful and fun.

In this issue of JSC News, we are including information about the conference in Paris in 2007, junior scholar awards, the junior scholar listserv, the *brand new* dissertation award, and more!

The JSC program has been blessed with lots of support from ISPP for activities of our choosing.

(Chair's Address, cont'd) We always need junior scholars who are excited about our mission to continue our momentum. I look forward to your ideas, concerns, or suggestions.

See you in Paris! Laissez les bon temps rouler!

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Junior Scholars Committee  
Assistant Professor of Political Science  
Miami University of Ohio

### Getting Ready for Paris...

ISPP's 31<sup>st</sup> 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." 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

Don't forget to get your paper proposals in by **February 1, 2008!**

### JSC Mentorship Program

When you register for the 2008 meeting in Paris, be sure to check the box indicating you would like to participate in the ISPP Mentorship Program. (Register by May 1 to be assured of a match.) 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. This program was a big hit at the 2007 Portland meeting. One hundred and fifty junior and senior scholars participated, the highest rate of participation in the history of the program! Questions? Contact Janice Adelman at: [janice.adelman@cgu.edu](mailto:janice.adelman@cgu.edu)

### Announcement: Best Dissertation Award

The International Society of Political Psychology is pleased to announce the establishment of a Best Dissertation Award, to be given for the first time at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Paris!

All Ph.D. dissertations within the field of political psychology are eligible for consideration, regardless of home discipline.

Nominations are due by January 15, 2008, for dissertations completed and successfully defended between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007.

For more details, please visit:

<http://ispp.org/archives/BestDissertationAward.html>.

### **Congratulations to the 2007 Roberta Sigel Award Winner!**

The Roberta Sigel Award for the best paper presented by a junior scholar at the 2006 ISPP meeting in Barcelona was awarded at the 2007 meeting in Portland.

**Christopher Federico**, University of Minnesota, won the Sigel Award for his paper entitled "Race, Education, and Individualism Revisited," which is now in press at the *Journal of Politics*.

Thanks to Alexia Panayiotou (Chair), Melinda Jackson, and Felicia Pratto for their service on the award committee.

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

### **Annual Meeting Roommate Service**

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



### **Roberta Sigel Fund**

This year, in honor of Roberta Sigel's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, we announced the launch of a major campaign to expand the Roberta Sigel Fund to support Junior Scholars of ISPP.

**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.

In addition to the Sigel Award for the best paper presented by a junior scholar, the Sigel Fund will support the new Best Dissertation Award.

It is our hope that when the Sigel Fund reaches a sufficient level, it will also support travel scholarships for the annual meeting, scholarships to the Summer Institutes in Political Psychology (SIPP), and other junior scholars' activities.

Many have benefited from Roberta's commitment to political psychology and training of junior scholars. We are very excited about extending Roberta's legacy in support of junior scholars!

### **Teaching Political Psychology?**

Or just interested in learning more about work in this field? 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>.

### **Career and Funding Information**

Information about current job opportunities and funding sources can be found at our website:

<http://ispp.org/jsc/jscurrent.html>

### **Poster Presentation Tips**

View our collection of sample poster presentations at:

<http://ispp.org/PosterSamples.html>

### **Summer Institute in Political Psychology (SIPP)**

The new website for SIPP will open in early January of 2008. Be sure to check it out!

<http://www.stanford.edu/group/sipp/>

## The 2007-2008 Junior Scholars Committee is...

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