



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

It has been my great pleasure to serve as chair of the Junior Scholars Committee over the past year! I have very much enjoyed working with the many individuals within ISPP who are committed to supporting the professional development of junior scholars. This year has been especially exciting as we have helped lay the groundwork for increased resources and opportunities in the coming years, including a new ISPP Dissertation Award, increased fundraising to support junior scholars, and the possibility of travel scholarships to the annual meeting in the near future.

It is with even greater pleasure that I introduce incoming JSC chair, Monica Schneider. Monica has been an active member of the JSC for several years, coordinating the publishing roundtable at the annual meetings in 2003 and 2004, and serving as newsletter editor in 2005. Graduating from the University of Minnesota this year with a Ph.D. in Political Science and a Ph.D. Minor in Political Psychology, Monica will be starting a new job as Assistant Professor of Political Science at Miami University this fall. I am extremely happy to welcome Monica as the new chair of the JSC for 2007-08!

I also hope that many of you have already made plans to join us in Portland for ISPP's 30th annual meeting. This year's conference promises to be one of the best yet! We have a number

(*Cont'd*) of events planned specifically for junior scholars, details of which appear below. Junior scholars make up a vibrant and vital part of ISPP – nearly one third of the society’s members – and represent the future of the discipline. Let’s continue to work together to make that future productive and progressive as we explore our interests in the exciting and dynamic field of political psychology!

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Outgoing Chair’s Message

Greetings from Minnesota! I am honored to serve as the incoming chair of the Junior Scholars Committee, following a long line of chairs who have worked hard for this cause. Special thanks to Melinda Jackson for serving as the chair this past year.

What does the Junior Scholars Committee do? We’ve sponsored events at the annual meeting, professional roundtables, networking opportunities, and a roommate matching service. We give an annual award to the best paper presented by Junior Scholars. In honor of Roberta Sigel’s 90th birthday, we are currently fundraising to increase the Roberta Sigel Award.

My question now is, “What *can* the Junior Scholars Committee do?” I look forward to generating and implementing ideas that create new ways to make ISPP helpful for Junior Scholars. I encourage you to get involved in the JSC during the coming year. I look forward to discussions on the future of Political Psychology. I am especially excited about meeting many of you in Portland and Paris at the next two meetings.

I know that as all of us face competing research, teaching, and service demands, it is hard to get involved as much as we would like. However, as I have learned, service to the discipline is both rewarding and fulfilling as we embark on our professional careers. I encourage you to see involvement in ISPP as an investment in your future as a political psychologist. With your help, I anticipate an exciting and productive year for the Junior Scholars in political psychology!

Sincerely,
Monica C. Schneider
University of Minnesota

Gearing up for Portland...

ISPP's 30th 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**
July 4, 6-7:00 pm
Multnomah Wine Cellar
Embassy Suites
- **Career Development Roundtable**
July 7, 11:00-12:45
Location TBA
- **Publishing Roundtable**
July 5, 11:00-12:45
Location TBA
- **Mentoring Roundtable**
July 6, 11:00-12:45
Location TBA
- **Mentoring Coffee Hour**
July 5, 5-5:45 pm
Location TBA
- **Expanded one-on-one Mentoring Program**
- **Roommate Matching Service**

For more information check out our website:
<http://ispp.org/jsc/annualmeeting.html>

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, contact **Matthew Woessner** at mcw10@psu.edu, noting "roommate matching" in the subject line.

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>.



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!

Congratulations to the 2006 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>

The 2006-2007 Junior Scholars Committee is...

Monica C. Schneider
(JSC Chair-elect)
University of Minnesota, USA

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

Lauren Appelbaum
Claremont McKenna College,
USA

Dana Adams
University of Minnesota, USA

Janice Adelman
Claremont Graduate
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Loyola Marymount University,
USA

Jeff Martinson
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Traci Nelson
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University of Michigan, USA

Hulda Thorisdottir
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Chris Weber
Stony Brook University, USA

Matthew Woessner
Pennsylvania State
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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 Monica Schneider at Monica@umn.edu.