

ISPP JUNIOR SCHOLARS COMMITTEE

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.

Goodbye and Welcome!

I have really enjoyed the past two years serving the ISPP as the chair of the Junior Scholars Committee. During these last two years, the JSC has continued organizing its well-established programs as well as beginning a few new ones. I am proud to have had the opportunity to be a part of such a vibrant group scholars. I would like to thank all of you for trusting me to be a voice for junior scholars in the ISPP and I would like to thank the many junior and senior scholars who are willing to give their time, talent, and energy to keep this unique and supportive organization growing. I am also grateful for the many new friendships that I have forged through my participation in ISPP and the JSC. Now that my tenure as JSC Chair is coming to an end, I look forward to staying involved and continuing to serve the ISPP in other capacities.

I would like to introduce Melinda Jackson, who will be the Junior Scholars Committee Chair starting at the Barcelona meeting. Melinda is an Assistant Professor in political Science at San Jose State University. She has been an active member of the JSC for many years now and until recently was the JSC News Editor. Melinda will be a great chair and will keep the JSC a vibrant and forward looking committee that will continue to serve the needs of the junior scholars of the ISPP.

Please join me in welcoming Melinda Jackson as our new chair of the Junior Scholars Committee!
Lauren Appelbaum,
Outgoing JSC Chair

Welcome from the new chair!

It is my great pleasure to have the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Junior Scholars Committee in the coming year! I have been so impressed with the extraordinary energy and commitment of the junior scholars in ISPP over the years, and am excited to be a part of this dynamic group. The Junior Scholars Committee is a vital element within ISPP that works to provide increased voice and visibility, and a number of programs and resources, for those of us just starting our careers in political psychology.

At this year's annual meeting in Barcelona, we will sponsor all of the usual JSC events and programs, including the Junior Scholars' Social Hour, the one-on-one mentorship program, and roommate matching service. In addition, we have added several new events in the last few years: a mentorship roundtable, career development roundtable, publishing roundtable, and mentoring coffee hour, all scheduled as regular sessions throughout the conference. I hope you are planning to join us in Barcelona this year, and will take advantage of these excellent resources!

We are also always looking for new ideas and additional ways to serve the needs of junior scholars in ISPP, so please get in touch with any suggestions you might have. We are here to represent your specific interests, so please let us know what you'd like to see. New members are also always welcome on the JSC, so if you are interested in taking a more active role please let me know!

I look forward to seeing and hearing from many of you in the coming year, and meeting some of you for the first time in Barcelona!

Melinda Jackson
Incoming JSC Chair, July 2006
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Join us in Barcelona, Spain for the ISPP Annual Meeting!

We hope that you have already made your plans to join us at the ISPP meeting in Barcelona, from July 12-15, 2006. The theme of this year's meeting is "The Political Psychology of Liberation, the Political Psychology of Oppression."

The program features contributions from all areas of political psychology, including several panels and workshops focused on issues of particular interest to junior scholars (see page 2 for details).

If you have not yet enjoyed the stimulating exchange of ideas at ISPP meetings, this is a great chance to experience first-hand an event that combines the benefits of a major scholarly conference with a relaxed and friendly atmosphere (not to mention exciting international travel!). Those of you who are already familiar with ISPP meetings should not need too much encouragement, but in addition to the conference activities, there are a number of events and tours of Spain attractions planned, so be sure to check these out!

· For information on the ISPP meeting, including registration details, hotel and travel info, and events and tours see
<http://ispp.org/meet.html>.

JSC Mentorship Program is Continuing in Barcelona!

If you are interested in being connected to a senior scholar mentor, don't hesitate to get in touch with Jeff Martinson (martinson.3@osu.edu), who is heading the junior scholar mentorship program again this year. Jeff can help arrange for you to meet one-on-one with senior scholars who share your research interests and can provide feedback and advice. Also, make sure you go to the mentoring roundtable, where you can hear from several established political psychologists about their experiences and ask questions that will help guide you through your own career.

Following its success in Toronto, we are also holding a mentoring "coffee hour" again in Barcelona. Maybe you don't know with whom you want to be connected, but you would like to speak with a senior scholar one-on-one. This informal session will provide just that opportunity! About six senior scholars will be present to talk with any junior scholars who come by to meet them and chat over coffee and cookies. So consider using any or all of these means to get to know the senior scholars of the ISPP.

Annual Meeting Roommate Matching 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.

This year the service is operating through a password protected BLOG. Contact Matthew Woessner at mcw10@psu.edu for the URL, login, and password access. Hotel information is online at: <http://ispp.org/meet.html>.

Professional Development in Barcelona

Don't forget about some of the other junior scholar sponsored events in Barcelona. We've arranged again for a publishing workshop, which will take place during the conference and this year will be free to attend. This year's publishing workshop will be run by the editors of Political Psychology at SUNY Stony Brook.

We will also hold a career development panel again in Barcelona. This is one of the Junior Scholars Committee's longest running and most successful programs. It will provide a forum for you to learn how to approach some of the challenges of being in an interdisciplinary field.

Annual Junior Scholars Social Hour!

Don't miss the annual Junior Scholars Social Hour on Wednesday July 12, from 5PM – 6PM, just before the opening reception. If you are at the meeting, be sure to come to the social hour, where there will be FREE snacks and drinks for junior scholars. This is a great place to see old friends and make new ones. Hope to see you there!

Raffle! Raffle! Raffle!

The raffle in support of junior scholar activities has continued to be a success. The \$160 raised last year has gone to support the mentorship program. The money raised from this year's raffle will continue to contribute to the ISPP Junior Scholar activities. We are giving away an almost complete set of Political Psychology Journals (dating back to the journal's inception). The raffle proceeds will go to support the junior scholars, but the raffle is open to anyone at the conference.

Tickets cost \$5 and will be available at the registration table and in the book exhibit area. Let's support junior scholar activities by buying tickets in Barcelona and encouraging senior scholars to buy some too!

Roberta Sigel Paper Award

After the conference, you can submit your paper for the Roberta Sigel Award, for the best paper presented by a junior scholar (either single-author, or in collaboration with a senior scholar). The award carries a \$250 prize, which may help defray some of the costs of attending the conference next year.

The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2006. For more information, see the award announcement at: <http://ispp.org/archives/sigel.html>.

ISPP Roundtable: "Becoming a Methodologically Savvy Political Psychologist"

Very little attention has been devoted to the critical issue of acquiring the methodological skills needed to survive and prosper as a researcher in a discipline where scientific questions are addressed using a bewildering variety of methods, both quantitative and qualitative. In an effort to fill this gap, this year's panel will offer an array of perspectives. Our panelists will come from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds (e.g., social psychology and political science) and methodological traditions (e.g., survey research, experimental research, archival research, etc.). Our hope is to provide attendees with a wide range of viewpoints on the role of methodology in political psychology.

Teaching Your First Political Psychology Course?

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>.

**The 2005-2006 Junior
Scholars Committee is...**

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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 just let us know, either at the Social Hour in Barcelona or by sending Melinda Jackson, the incoming Junior Scholars Committee Chair an email at mjackson@email.sjsu.edu.