



# 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.*

#### ***Incoming Chair's Address***

Another year has flown by and the Junior Scholars Committee (JSC) has worked hard to continue providing valuable resources and opportunities for its up-and-coming junior members. It is with pleasure that I have taken over the reins of the JSC from Nadia Khatib.

I look forward to receiving your input and working with the rest of the JSC committee members to keep our momentum going as the next generation of leaders in the field of political psychology. Though the JSC mission statement begins every issue of our newsletter, I feel that it cannot be overstated. Our primary goals are “to provide information and assistance to junior scholars' efforts to conduct political-psychological research, helping them develop their careers...”. The JSC truly stands to serve the

junior members of ISPP. As an interdisciplinary field, new scholars may feel overwhelmed at the extensive knowledge of those around them and the opportunities that are available. This is where we, the JSC, come in.

For those who attended the annual meeting in Dublin, we had a lot of great events planned to facilitate our committee goals, and we hope you enjoyed them. As always, we had a mentoring tea session where junior scholars were matched with ISPP's more seasoned mentors, a social hour, & roundtables on both career

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development and publishing. If you attended any (or all) of these events in Dublin, we would love to hear from you at [ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com](mailto:ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com). What was great? What was not so great? What do you wish we would have done but didn't? We value your feedback to help make the JSC presence even stronger.

For those who couldn't make the trip to Dublin, don't despair! Our website is full of useful information for you, including lists of bibliographies from A (acculturation research) to W (war). Take a look (<http://ispp.org/ppbib.html>) and see if your research area is there. If not, consider creating a bibliography to post! If you're a first time teacher this fall, be sure and check out the syllabi collection readings and activities in your class. And, again, if your class isn't there, consider adding your own syllabus.

We are always open to hearing your ideas on how to make the JSC work for you. In fact, we are currently looking for junior scholar ISPP members from all over the world to nominate themselves to serve on the committee (please see p. 4 for more details). If you don't have time to serve in a full-service capacity, we'd still love to hear from you. Tell us what you think might be missing in terms of junior scholar resources. Would you be interested in following JSC activities on a Twitter page? How about Facebook or a blog? Then check out the JSC's efforts on Facebook and stay tuned for more info on where to find our blog (see p. 3). Remember, we are here to meet your needs, but we can't do it without your help and input. I look forward to serving as your JSC chair this year!

*Janice R. Adelman*

Claremont Graduate University

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### ***2009 Annual Meeting***

ISPP's 32<sup>nd</sup> annual scientific meeting was held at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland from July 14-17, 2009. The JSC programs proved to be a success. Highlights included:

#### **The Publishing Roundtable**

Brad Verhulst (Stony Brook University) and Christopher Cohrs (Queens University Belfast), along with the editors of *Political Psychology*, met with junior scholars to offer advice and insights into the publishing process.

#### **The Career Development Roundtable**

Bethany Albertson (University of Texas, Austin) coordinated a roundtable on "Successful Grant-Writing Strategies for Junior Scholars." Nick Valentino, Joanne Miller, Stephen Reicher and William McCready were the featured speakers.

#### **The Mentorship Program**

Victoria deFrancesco Soto (Northwestern University) organized a mentoring tea. Sixty-three junior scholars were matched with 29 mentors with similar research interests for one-on-one discussions.

#### **Junior Scholars Social Hour**

The social offered an opportunity for informal networking a relaxed atmosphere.

#### **Travel Grants**

This year the JSC was able to award 19 travel grants to junior scholars who lacked financial support for conference travel.

## *Congratulations Award Winners!*

### **Best Dissertation Award**

The second annual Dissertation Award was given to **Samuel Pehrson** for his project “Defining ‘Us’ and Rejecting ‘Them.’: National Definitions and the Identification-Prejudice Relationship.” Samuel received his PhD from the University of Sussex and is currently in the Department of Psychology at the University of Limerick.

### **Roberta Sigel Awards**

**Jason Barabas** and **Jennifer Jerrit** of Florida State University received the Roberta Sigel Award for their paper “Survey Experiments and External Validity of Treatments.”

**Margarita Krochik**, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Psychology at New York University also received a Roberta Sigel Award for her paper “Changing Hands or Changing Sides: How Ideals and Oughts Motivate Voter Preferences for Change” written with John Jost and E. Tory Higgins.

## *JSC Online Resources*

Miriam Matthews (Claremont Graduate University) has done a fantastic job of putting together sample syllabi on various topics related to political psychology, links to schools with specific political psychology programs, links to schools with specific political psychology courses, conference tips and sample posters. Visit <http://ispp.org/jsc/jscurrent.html> to access these resources.

Christopher Weber (Louisiana State University), Rune Slothuus (University of Aarhus), and a number of other junior scholar volunteers have been working to develop a political psychology blog and discussion forum for junior scholars. In addition, Kris Dunn and Brian Woolfrey have created a Political Psychology group on Facebook. They encourage you to join and meet scholars who share your interests!

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

### *Call for Papers ~ 2010 Meeting in San Francisco, CA*

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology will be held from July 7-10, 2010 at the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco.

This meeting’s theme is “Making Our World Anew:

Political Psychology in an Age of Global Challenges.” The JSC will sponsor publishing and career development roundtables, a social hour, and a mentorship program. Details regarding these events, as well as a JSC roommate matching service

and travel grants, will follow in our spring newsletter.

The submission deadline is **February 5, 2010**. The complete call for papers, as well as travel information, can be found at:

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

### ***Call for Nominations ~ Best Dissertation Award***

All Ph.D. dissertations within the field of political psychology are eligible for consideration, regardless of home discipline. Dissertations should represent an independent piece of research that is the sole work of the author and gains the highest degree at the author's university.

Nominations are due by January 15, 2010, for dissertations completed and successfully defended between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009. Nominees must be current ISPP members.

Nominations should be submitted electronically and must include a one-page abstract (300 word), a 10-page (3000 word) summary of the dissertation, and a letter of recommendation from the thesis advisor or committee member, all in English. Nominations should be submitted to the award committee chairperson:

Kris Thalhammer (thalhamm@stolaf.edu).

For further details, visit: <http://ispp.org/archives/BestDissertationAward.html>.

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### ***Call for Papers ~ Political Psychology: Where Do We Go From Here?***

The new editors of *Political Psychology* are seeking papers on the current state and future directions of the field of political psychology. The submission deadline is February 1, 2010. For more information, visit <http://ispp.org/announcements/Call-JournalSpecialissueWhereDoWeGo.pdf>.

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### ***Call for Nominations ~ Junior Scholars Committee***

Have you ever seen the letters JSC and wondered what they meant? Have you ever thought to yourself that ISPP is such a wonderful organization and you'd like to be more involved? What about thinking that you have something unique and valuable to offer ISPP but no creative outlet has appeared? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should consider nominating yourself to become a part of ISPP's Junior Scholars Committee (JSC).

The JSC serves the needs of ISPP's younger membership: students, recent graduates, and untenured faculty (who have received their degree within the last eight years) from all over the world. We need fellow junior scholars to aid us in our quest to support one another and help navigate the sometimes murky, sometimes calm waters in the life of an academic. Positions in the committee are:

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***Chair-elect***

Working under the current chair, the person in this position learns the ins and outs of the JSC in preparation for taking the lead the following year. One more year is included in the term as *chair ex-officio*.

***Newsletter Editor & Web Resources (2 positions)***

Solicits articles and announcements for the Junior Scholars newsletter published twice a year. Manages all web-related aspects such as the bibliography and syllabus archives, and other relevant postings to the JSC listserv.

***Conference/Professional Development (2 positions)***

Focuses energy on organizing JSC events at the annual scientific meeting. Works to provide resources and information regarding all things professional development, including teaching, publishing, and job searching.

***Mentoring Coordinator (2 positions)***

Solicits participation in the mentoring program and works to match mentors with mentees.

In addition, all JSC members are encouraged - but not required - to attend ISPP's annual summer conference.

Each nominee will be considered for an anticipated two-year term (except chair-elect which is a three year commitment); the JSC will always have half of its members in their first year of service and half in their second year. In addition, to make our committee more representative of ISPP's membership, we are looking for representatives from every continent: Europe, North America, South America, Africa, Asia, and Australia.

**To nominate yourself, please submit the following:**

- \* A brief statement of your interest in the JSC (no more than 150 words)
- \* An abbreviated CV (no more than 2 pages that includes only your name, education, discipline, current status as student or faculty, and committee experience in ISPP or elsewhere)

Please send your materials to [ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com](mailto:ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com) no later than **15 October 2009**. A selection committee comprised of 3 JSC members and 2 Governing Council members will review the applications. The new JSC for 2009-2010 will be announced shortly thereafter. Feel free to email us with any questions - I and the other current JSC members are happy to assist you in any way possible. Thank you for your interest and good luck!

*As we look forward to recruiting a new committee, we wish the previous committee all the best.*

*With many thanks to our 2008-2009 JSC . . .*

**Nadia Khatib**

University of Arizona  
*Chair*

**Janice Adelman**

Claremont Graduate University  
*Chair-Elect*

**Bethany Albertson**

University of Texas, Austin  
*Career Development Roundtable  
Coordinator*

**Boris Bizumic**

The Australian National University  
*Member at Large*

**Erin Cassese**

West Virginia University  
*Newsletter Editor*

**J. Christopher Cohrs**

Queens University Belfast  
*Publishing Roundtable Coordinator*

**Victoria deFrancesco Soto**

Northwestern University  
*Mentorship Roundtable, Mentorship  
Program Coordinator*

**Miriam Matthews**

Claremont Graduate University  
*Syllabi Collection and Web Monitor*

**Minou Mebane**

University of Roma La Sapienza  
*Roommate Matching Coordinator*

**Monica Schneider**

Miami University of Ohio  
*Chair Ex-Officio*

**Rune Slothuus**

University of Aarhus  
*Web Resources Coordinator*

**Brad Verhulst**

Stony Brook University  
*Publishing Roundtable Coordinator*

**Christopher Weber**

Louisiana State University  
*Web Resources Coordinator*



We want to hear from you! Please email us with any feedback [ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com](mailto:ispp.juniorscholars@gmail.com).